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MARGINAL COLUMN

By MEIR MINDLIN

ALL right then, if you insist I'll tell you. But first you want to know how I got into the building. As a matter of fact I wasn't going to the Knesset at all, since I have nothing to do there, and it's no business of mine. I was headed for a shop right nearby to carry out some purchases under wife's orders. It was dark, the lights hadn't come on yet, but I could make out a number of my journalist colleagues passing by there on the way to the centre of town. All together. Well, you never can know when journalists will hang together, and when they'll hang separately. So I came to this doorway, thinking it was the butcher. And the policeman standing there asked me for my yellow card.

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NOW I always make a point of carrying a number of cards with me. Or, to put it more accurately, it's hard for me to part with any old document, membership card, or used bus ticket, so my pockets are stuffed with them. Now I once did a translation job for the Post Office about ten years ago, and sat in an office of the Post Office to do it. Very kindly, they issued me a yellow card stating that I was a Post Office employee and entitled to travel by any Post Office vehicle that happened to happen along. I have never had occasion to use it, but it was yellow, and you see how wise it was to hold on to it all these years. Anyway, it satisfied the guard, and he told me to go on to the little pink building, where another guard asked me for a red card. Nothing easier: not for nothing had I been since childhood a charter member of The Ancient Hibernian Order of Superannuated Elks, and a mere flash of our moose-crested card did the trick. There were a number of further comings-and-goings, checkings-and-noddings, but I won't bother you with them, and only bothered myself with them because once I get into something I stick to it, and in our town you never know what you'll have to go through — red-tape, red-cards, and what-not — just to go to the butcher.

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IT was about 7 o'clock when I found myself in the building wandering through a maze of deserted corridors and passageways. A faint sound of hammering and sawing seemed to haunt the passageways, and grew louder as I approached what turned out to be the Chamber. The sawing and hammering sound did not come from construction work as I thought first but from the five members present who were slumbering in their seats. On the podium, the unknown figure of a man was going through the violent gestures of oration without uttering a sound except for his rhythmic pounding of the podium.

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FORTUNATELY, I had the January number of "Encounter" with me and I settled down to read it to the counterpoint of pounding and snoring. It's a peculiar sort of luck of mine to often find the answers to what is puzzling me in the book or magazine I happen to open at the moment. First I read Bertrand Russell's statement of his present philosophical position. ... "The second key point is that the whole of what we perceive without inference belongs to our private world. In this respect, I agree with Berkeley." How wonderful to have an open mind in one's eighties! So he has almost become a Berkeleian. You remember how Dr. Johnson refuted Bishop Berkeley's notion that a thing does not exist unless someone perceives it: he kicked a big stone and said, "I refute him thus!" The crusty old Doctor's metaphysics may have been weak and his toe strong — but kick 120 stones?

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FULL enlightenment came with the reading in the same issue of John Kenneth Galbraith's account of his journey to Poland and Yugoslavia, where he refers to his visit to the Polish Parliament: "Then I called on Lange (the economist) at the Parliament. The Chamber was in session, and we listened to a speech or two while Lange — who sits on the ministerial bench — was being told of our arrival. About half the seats were filled. In reassuring parallel with Western democracy no one was paying the slightest attention. The position here is an interesting one and not well understood. In the democratic state the representative requirements of government take far more people than can, in fact, be employed in the business of governing. To avoid the disaster of their participation, but while also avoiding the appearance of idleness, we have speeches. Any number of people can be occupied in making speeches or, more particularly, in serving as an audience. While it is often supposed that speeches are for the purpose of communicating ideas, in fact they are primarily for the purpose of disguising the unemployment that is inevitable in the democratic process..."

Jerusalem, December 28.

Heavier Taxes, New Austerity for France

PARIS (Reuter). — Gen. de Gaulle announced on Sunday night that France has decided to free 90 per cent of her foreign trade from quota restrictions. He said this would "open the floodgates to the current" and restore to France her international status in the economic field.

The Premier, who was making a radio and television broadcast following France's sweeping week-end economic and financial reforms, listed a whole series of new taxes, subsidy cuts, and other austerity moves, which he said were necessary to avoid a budget deficit of 1,200,000m. francs, which would have brought the risk of ruinous inflation.

He summarised provisions of the next French budget which the Finance Minister, Antoine Pinay, explained in greater detail in a later broadcast. General de Gaulle announced higher company taxes and higher taxes on large incomes, new taxes on wine, alcohol and tobacco, the abolition of numerous subsidies on consumer goods, and the reduction of budgetary help for nationalised undertakings, in particular the railways.

Social insurance would have to pay for itself and ex-servicemen who were not in need would be invited to give up their pensions. On the other hand, investments which would insure France's future wealth — in housing, sources of power, industrial equipment and communications — would be increased by 245,000m. francs — equivalent to 25 per cent.

Some Rises

He envisaged some resulting rise in prices and said the Government would take suitable measures to protect purchasing power, in particular of Frenchmen with modest incomes.

On January 1, old age pensions would go up by 5,200 francs a month and on February 1 minimum wages would also increase. A special fund to increase unemployment pay to the region of the minimum wage would be introduced, and a four per cent increase in the pay of public servants was envisaged for February 1.

He said that in seven months France had taken some great steps on the road to recovery. French unity had been on the point of breaking, and last May the country was on the road to catastrophe in financial and economic affairs. The tendency had been reversed. "However, the situation remains precarious, that is to say, dangerous," General de Gaulle added.

"Finally, we cannot, in the present state of the universe, do without a strong military force," General de Gaulle said.

In an official statement, the International Monetary Fund in Washington said that it welcomed the measures taken by the various West European countries to establish non-resident convertibility for their currencies as "representing a major step towards the establishment of a truly multilateral system of payments in accordance with the objectives of the Fund."

U.S. to Launch 40-ton Satellites

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The U.S. has long-range plans to send satellites weighing 40 tons or more into outer space, Dr. Hugh Dryden, Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, disclosed here on Saturday.

Addressing a meeting of the American Astronautical Society, Dr. Dryden said these large satellites would be launched by a cluster of huge rockets producing a million of pounds of thrust.

He described the "Atlas" satellite — put into orbit around the earth 10 days ago — as "the first step toward an economically sound, reliable, world-wide communications system" using space relay stations. Further development of such a system should enable global television transmissions to be established.

The U.S. will spend more money on scientific and technological research and development in the 1960's than in its whole history from 1776 to the present day, the influential business magazine "Fortune," reported on Sunday. It said the U.S. would spend about $120,000m. in the 1960's to bring mankind a whole new age of discoveries, "a decade full of wonder."

Among commercial developments listed as being reasonably certain in the next few years were: all-electronic cooking ranges, fully portable T.V. sets operating on batteries which can be charged from a normal electrical power source, electronic safety devices for cars warning of vehicles coming from behind or that a car ahead is being overtaken too fast, a small economy car from General Motors, Ford, or Chrysler by the end of 1959.

Cyprus Prices Upped To Fight EOKA

NICOSIA (Reuter). — Both Greeks and Turks on Sunday attacked Saturday's announcement that Cypriots would have to pay more for their bread, petrol and motor car licences to meet the cost of fighting EOKA.

The leading Greek Cypriot newspaper, "Eleftheria," denounced the emergency expenditure as a "cancerous growth in the Cyprus budget." It said £10m. was spent in a year to maintain an "overfed police force largely made up of Turks and other parasite organizations."

Saturday's announcement in a special issue of the official gazette said continued violence during 1958 had grave financial results.

Stiffer Competition Seen For Israel Exports in West Europe

By AMOS MELAMEDE, Jerusalem Post Reporter

Immediate effects of the monetary reform which swept Western Europe over the week-end will be stiffer competition for Israel exports on the continent, requiring a greater effort to conquer new markets and maintain the old ones, Government economists pointed out in Jerusalem on Sunday.

The reform was received without surprise and the view was expressed that far-reaching effects on Israel's economy will only be felt in the long run.

The Governor of the Bank of Israel, Mr. David Horowitz, said that the new developments open up a new epoch in world economic relations, being a true step toward more liberal multilateral trade and a fully convertible currency.

He stated that the developments will have no direct bearing on Israel apart from a small fraction of her trade with France, where Israel exports will face more competition from French producers, and products of the franc area. Mr. Horowitz called for increased productivity, and price and currency stability in the country to offset the "war of competition" which will grow in the future.

Citrus Unaffected

Treasury experts were cautious in their reaction, not yet informed of all details of all steps taken in the various European countries. But it is believed that citrus, Israel's main export to Western Europe, will not be affected, although the launching of the European Common Market may cause difficulties next season with the introduction of higher customs duties. Industrial and diamond exports, it is believed, will certainly be adversely affected, being more vulnerable to stiffer competition.

Increased demands for a higher export premium in the near future were expected, as well as more pressure for the eventual devaluation of the Israel pound — which might come sooner than could have been expected without these developments.

These sources said it was too early to estimate to what degree Israel exports will be affected by the monetary reform. But it was pointed out that Israel will gain more in the immediate future by the lowered prices of import goods from Europe than she will lose owing to diminished exports, even with import figures topping exports.

However, Israel must adjust her production costs and currency value to a competitive level in order to boost exports and move to economic independence.

It was stated that the devaluation of the French franc, together with the proposed French austerity plan, will present immediate problems for Israel. The $30m. French loan to Israel last year was granted in francs and will remain unaffected. But the proposed austerity plan will reduce imports to France and will thus also affect Israel.

TEL AVIV. — The General Zionist Party leader, Mr. Y. Saphir, M.K., on Sunday demanded that the Knesset Finance Committee convene to discuss the changes in the West European monetary system, the General Zionist party spokesman announced here.

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DROUGHT keeps 8m. cubic-metre Zohar reservoir dry, tractors at Nehora Station idle. (Drought Hits — P. 2). Photos by Gillon

Negev Faces Worst Drought In 44 Years; Crops in Peril

By H. BEN-ADI, Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Unless at least 50mm. of rain fall within the next fortnight by the latest, over 370.000 dunams of winter crops sown in the Northern Negev are doomed to total destruction. This is the verdict of all agricultural experts who have examined the condition of the parched fields.

So far this season only five mm. of rain have been recorded in Beersheba and 10 mm. in the northern Negev. If no rains fall by Wednesday, the last day of 1958, the Negev will have experienced its worst drought in 44 years of recorded weather history.

In addition to the 370,000 dunams whose fate will be decided within the next few days, there are an additional 130,000 dunams which are under complete or partial irrigation.

This need to irrigate crops that regularly make do with only the seasonal rains has put an extra burden on the Mekorot Water Company and on the farmers who must pay for the water they usually receive as a gift from heaven. The Company is currently supplying 200,000 cu.m. daily to the Negev and it is feared that these water reserves will be lacking in the early summer.

In addition to endangering the very existence of the winter crops, the threatening drought also casts its shadow over the possibility of planting unirrigated summer crops. Unless the ground can build up a sufficient water reserve during the rainy months it will not pay to plant such crops as corn and sorghum, and irrigation dates will have to be advanced for the planting of cotton, peanuts and potatoes.

Meanwhile the price of hay and straw has doubled, with hay selling for IL200 per ton and straw for IL100 per ton.

Chief Rabbinate Calls for Prayers

The Chief Rabbinate on Sunday called for special prayers to be recited on Monday (today) and Thursday this week in view of the twin dangers from locusts and drought that have hit extensive parts of the country. Worshippers are requested to come to synagogues at the time of the *minha* prayer for the holding of the special prayers for rain.

Locust Attack Centred In North Israel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — The Jordan Valley and Lower Galilee are now bearing the brunt of locust attacks, with green fields disappearing under the reddish swarms and highways becoming slippery with the crushed bodies of the pests.

Combined air and ground operations against the invasion are scheduled to begin early Monday morning by the Plant Protection Department.

The remaining nests of locusts north of Eilat were destroyed on Sunday. No reports were received during the day of fresh locust invasions in the Negev, although swarms were sighted flying overhead in some places.

Locusts from Sahara Invade S. Tunisia

TUNIS (Reuter). — Millions of locusts flying from the Algerian Sahara are attacking crops in large areas of central and southern Tunisia, it was reported here on Sunday. Observers reported that one flight of the insects was more than 50 kms. long and several kilometres wide.

TWO ROYAL NAVY SHIPS IN BEIRUT

A destroyer and a minesweeper of the Mediterranean Fleet of the British Navy have arrived in Beirut on a three-day courtesy visit, the Arab News Agency reported on Sunday.

'Big-Scale' Soviet Aid for Syria

Russia is to give Syria "large-scale technical assistance" to develop irrigation, water and hydro-electric projects, Damascus Radio announced on Sunday night. The value of the aid was not stated.

The announcement followed talks between Russian experts who recently arrived in Damascus after visiting Cairo, and Syrian economists and members of the Syrian Council for National Development.

The radio said that the Development Council, at a five-hour meeting on Saturday, under Dr. Nur e-Din Kahala, President of the Executive Council of the Syrian region, had discussed the country's requirements in the field of technical assistance.

On Sunday, Syrian representatives met with the Russian experts who agreed to furnish aid for the following projects:

- Introduction of a major irrigation scheme in the Houran province of Syria, covering 3,000 hectares and providing for three large pumping stations.
- Digging for underground water resources.
- Exploitation of the rivers Yarmuk, Euphrates and Orontes for hydro-electric purposes, and also the extension of the country's railway system.

The radio said that the aid proposals would be drafted in their final form within a week, submited to both countries for approval, and an agreement signed before the Russians returned to Moscow.

Syrian students at the University of Damascus staged a strike on Saturday to protest against the activities of Communists in the country, the Arab News Agency reported on Sunday.

Moscow: U.S. Doubling Arms Aid to Persia

LONDON (Reuter). — A Moscow radio commentator claimed on Sunday that the U.S. will more than double her military aid to Persia, and increase the number of airfields in the country and of American troops in southern Persia.

The commentator, in an English language broadcast, said this decision formed part of American preparations to sign military agreements with Turkey, Persia and Pakistan.

He continued: "The U.S.S.R. cannot sit by and do nothing while the U.S. makes its military preparations in Persia. The Soviet frontiers are far too close.

"I wonder how the U.S. would react if this country were to conclude a military pact with Mexico and send troops for action against the U.S. I hardly think Washington would remain indifferent."

'Pimpernel' Group Said Helping Wanted Nazis to Reach Egypt

LONDON (INA). — Funds hidden away in South America or Switzerland are believed to be financing a secret organization which enables former Nazis with charges hanging over them to flee from Germany to Egypt or Syria, the "Sunday Express" Bonn correspondent reported on Sunday.

He added that the West German legal authorities confess themselves baffled about how it is being done and who are the agents.

Mr. Karl Marx, of Duesseldorf, a leading member of the Rhineland Jewish community, is heading a demand for a legal investigation. Asserting that the organization has a "Pimpernel" quality, the report stated that passports are illegally provided, travel reservations made and reception taken care of at staging points.

Referring to the case of Dr. Hans Eisele, former S.S. doctor, a correspondent of the West German trade union paper, "World of Work," was quoted as having interviewed him on the Nile. Eisele said: "If the West German authorities only knew what contacts I had..."

In a reference to the case of Ludwig Zind, former school teacher who fled from Germany to Egypt to avoid serving a jail term for anti-Semitism, the "Sunday Express" correspondent asked the legal authorities: "Couldn't you have seized Zind's passport?" "That was the first thing we did," was the answer. But Zind somehow obtained a set of travel papers.

52 Algerian Rebels Killed or Captured

ALGIERS (Reuter).—French troops killed or captured 52 insurgents and seized 53 weapons in operations south of Algiers in the previous 24 hours, French military sources said on Sunday.

Kassem, UK Envoy Hold 2-Hour Talk

Relations between Britain and Iraq were discussed on Saturday night at a two-hour meeting between Sir Humphrey Trevelyan, the British Ambassador, and Premier Kassem, Baghdad radio reported.

It was their first meeting since Sir Humphrey arrived in Baghdad on December 17 to take up his new post. The broadcast described the talks as "very cordial."

In New York, Mr. Waldemar Gallman, the retiring U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, said on Saturday that the possibility of Communist penetration into Kassem's Government was "one of the really big disturbing factors" in the situation there.

Fanfani to Visit Cairo January 6

CAIRO. — The Italian Premier, Mr. Fanfani, will arrive in Cairo for a four-day visit on January 6, it was officially announced here on Sunday.

NINE HURT IN T.A. ROAD ACCIDENTS

TEL AVIV. — Nine persons were injured in various road accidents here on Sunday night.

Ben-Zion Rubinstein, 24, suffered concussion when hit by a No. 5 bus he was trying to catch. A passenger in the bus, Dvorah Geriman, 40, also suffered concussion when the driver suddenly put on his brakes. Both injured were taken to Hadassah hospital.

A passenger in a No. 60 bus was also slightly injured when the driver jammed on the brakes.

Three persons were injured when a taxi overturned in Rehov Carlebach. Avner Sakratzi, brother of the driver, was seriously injured and taken to Donolo Hospital. The other two injured were sent home after treatment.

Amira Yarden, 24, fell under the back wheel of a Dan bus when she tried to get back into the vehicle to take off her small son who had remained behind when she alighted. The bus had by then started to move; she fell and was taken to Hadassah hospital with a serious leg injury. A short while later, two women were taken to the Magen David Adom station, having fallen from different buses.

Cabinet Approves Direct Elections of Mayors

City Rule to Be Amended

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Prime Minister's proposal to institute election of Mayors and heads of Local Councils by direct suffrage was approved on Sunday by a majority vote of the Cabinet.

The Mapai Ministers, the Minister of Justice, Mr. P. Rosen, and the Minister for Religious Affairs, Rabbi Toledano, supported the proposal, while Ahdut Ha'avoda and Mapam Ministers voted against it.

The Cabinet, however, approved only the principle of direct elections while the details of the electoral procedure, as well as the questions concerning relations between directly - elected Mayors and Municipal Councils, will have to be worked out by a Ministerial Committee of Three.

This Committee was appointed by the Cabinet and wil consist of Mr. Ben-Gurion, Mr. Rosen and the Minister of Interior, Mr. I. Bar-Yehuda, it was learned.

Further Gov't Debate

The Committee's proposals, which are likely to include directives on mayoral authority, are expected to be brought up for Cabinet approval within the next few weeks. The Cabinet discussion of amendments to the Municipalities Ordinance, which will deal also with the question of instituting a separate municipal voters' register including permanent foreign residents, will take place after the Committee of Three has submitted its proposals to the Government.

Only after the Cabinet has given final approval to the Committee's proposals and amendments will the matter be brought up in the Knesset.

Press Relations

The Cabinet also approved the Prime Minister's proposals on the relations between Ministries and the Press as formulated and agreed upon at a meeting last Monday between Mr. Ben-Gurion and newspaper editors. A four-point plan aims at improving the supply of official information to the press on Government activities. It specifies that:

a) Journalists are not to resort to "underhand" methods of obtaining information from Government offices;

a) Not every civil servant is to be authorized to give information to the press;

a) Each Minister is to appoint several senior officials in his Ministry who will be authorised to discuss with journalists matters which are not classified as secret;

a) Where an official's assignment becomes of special public interest and importance, the official is to be authorized by the Minister or the Director-General of the Ministry to release statements to the press.

The Civil Service Commission will now issue directives to the Directors-General based on the Cabinet decision to nominate officials authorized to maintain open contact with the press.

It is understood that Cabinet members generally expressed goodwill towards the press in the discussion and stressed their intention was only to prevent the disclosure of State secrets. Point four will mean that "officials authorized to release statements to the press" need not necessarily be confined to those in grades 1-4, as had originally been intended.

Iraqi Developments

At the beginning of the Cabinet session, the Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, reported on the latest political developments in the Middle East. It is understood the report dealt particularly with the latest developments in Iraq and Nasser's new "pro-Western" attitude, following the recent Middle East tour of U.S. Assistant Secretary of State William Rountree. The expected visit of the U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, to Israel, was not included in Mrs. Meir's report, which lasted almost an hour, according to the Cabinet spokesman.

The discussion on the Progressive Party's proposal for tax cuts, which was raised by the Minister of Justice at the last Cabinet meeting, was postponed until next week, as some Cabinet members requested an opportunity to study the matter further.

The official communique said:

At its weekly session on Sunday the Cabinet.

Heard a report from the Minister for Foreign Affairs on political developments in the area;

Approved proposals on relations between Government offices and the press, as they were summed up by the Prime Minister at a meeting with the Editors' Committee;

Approved the principle that mayors and chairmen of local authorities to be chosen by direct election, and decided that a committee of three Ministers prepare proposals for the electoral procedure as well as suggest the relations that should prevail beaween the Mayor or Local Council chairman and the Council. The proposals of the committee will be brought before the Cabinet;

Postponed until the next session discussion of income tax amendments, proposed by the Minister of Justice.

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State Budget to Be Tabled This Week

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The IL1,336.5m. Budget for 1959/60 will be tabled in the Knesset this week, probably on Wednesday, the Finance Ministry's spokesman announced in Jerusalem on Sunday.

It is learned that the Finance Minister, Mr. Levi Eshkol, will open the debate in the Knesset next Monday, when he is due to deivier his annual budget address. In it he will also refer to the National Budget, which has been drawn up this year for the first time and will present a picture of the nation's economic situation as a whole and the prospects for the coming year. The National Budget will be presented to the House as a separate document from the State Budget, which deals only with Government finances.

The National Budget has been prepared by the Bank of Israel and the Treasury and provides the basis on which the State Budget has been worked out.

It is learned that Mr. Eshkol will probably leave on Wednesday, January 7, for a 7-10 day trip to the U.S., where he will participate in the annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the Israel Bonds Organization in New York.

Dag in Ethiopia For Economic Talks

ADDIS ABABA (Reuter).—The U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, arrived in Addis Ababa by air on Sunday from Khartoum to attend today's opening of the U.N. Economic Commission for Africa.

From the Ethiopian capital he will go on to Riadh, and then visit Israel from January 1 to 3, and Jordan.

The Jordan Cabinet held a special session on Saturday to draft the main topics to be discussed with the U.N. Secretary-General during his visit to Amman, "Falastin" reported.

Galilee Arabs Back from Syria

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — One month in Syria proved to be more than enough for six men, one woman and a 16-year-old boy from Touba village, in Upper Galilee — all members of the El-Hebb tribe, who left their homes "for good" and sneaked across the border.

When they unexpectedly returned on Saturday night, they had a story of woe to tell their fellow tribesmen, and they are now repeating it to the police, who are holding them for interrogation.

A young girl's glowing description of the Syrian Way of Life and of the bright prospects awaiting Arabs from Israel, especially those who joined the U.A.R. Army, induced them to try to better their fortunes in Syria.

They crossed the border in three groups. On arrival, however, the men were seized, beaten, maltreated, had their heads shaven, were given questions to answer and little food to eat. The only sights they saw were the insides of a number of prisons.

On Saturday night they were taken to the river Jordan by armed Syrian soldiers, who ordered them to cross back into Israel.

Only one woman from Touba, the mother of five children, refused to return home with the rest of the group, the repatriates reported. She ran away from the village a fortnight ago, after a quarrel with her husband.

"The *sheitan* (Satan) possessed us when we believed that there was a good life waiting for us in Syria and a promising future in the army there," one of the returnees said. Two of the men are wanted by the police in connection with a number of thefts.

The woman who returned, Fatmeh, is 30. She said she was married 17 years to a man from Baka el Gharbieh, in the Little Triangle. As she had borne no children, her husband wanted to take another wife and they quarrelled. She fled to Touba finding shelter in her brother's home. Her husband and her parents pleaded with her to return home, and, when she refused, the former filed a suit in the *sharia* (Moslem religious) court in Acre. She then attempted to resolve the issue by fleeing to Syria.

Breakaway Teachers To Face Honour Court

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut Central Committee on Sunday decided to summon before its court of honour all elected officers of the new secondary school teachers' organization.

The Committee had been urged to do so by the teachers' Association.

VITA Apricot Compote at Bargain Prices This Month

To win new friends for their excellent Apricot Compote, the Vita Company—in cooperation with the retail shops—have decided to offer cans of Apricot Compote for one month at the reduced price of 970 Pruta instead of the regular IL1.150. On sale at all shops displaying the poster of Vita Apricot Compote. Don't fail to make use of this bargain offer. Buy Vita Apricot Compote — there's more value for your money: cans contain selected fruit of uniform quality only. (Advt.)

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Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi on Monday received the Ambassador to France, and Mrs. Ya'acov Tsur, and the Secretary of the Jerusalem Labour Council, Mr. Moshe Baram.

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The Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, on Saturday received Mr. and Mrs. Morton Weiner and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kessler of Los Angeles. The two couples, who toured Israel as guests of the Israel Bond Organization, left for home on Sunday.

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The Sabena Belgian airlines General Manager in Israel, Mr. G. Machline, and the Haifa Regional Manager, Mr. H. Wollnermann, gave a reception at the Zion Hotel, Haifa, on Saturday night for the city's travel agents. Among the guests were Mayor Abba Khoushy; Mr. Charles Winterbeek, Attache at the Belgian Legation, and the Honorary Consul-General, Mr. Aharon Rosenfeld.

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A symposium on isotope effects will be held on Givat Ram today (Monday) under the auspices of the Hebrew University's Department of Physical Chemistry. Prof. G. Stein, head of the University's Department of Physical Chemistry, will preside at the afternoon session, and Dr. E. D. Bergmann, Professor of Organic Chemistry at the University and Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, at the evening meeting. The symposium marks the tenth anniversary of the death of Ladislaus Farkas, professor of Physical Chemistry at the University, in an air crash.

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The Union des Amis de la France is to hold a New Year's Eve Ball under the patronage of the French Consul in Haifa, M. Jean Binaud, on Wednesday at 9.30 p.m. at the Assembly Hall of the Technion on Hadar Hacarmel.

BIRTH

SMITH — To Inge (née Engelhard) and Leslie Smith on December 27, 1958—a daughter, Rebecca Michal. Shikun Haprogressivim, Herzliya Pituah.

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MEMORIAL MEETING

A meeting in memory of Moshe Doukhan of Jerusalem will be held at Beit Hahalutzot, Rehov Ibn Gabirol, on Wednesday evening, December 31, 1958, at 6.30. Friends are invited.

TREMORS. — Prolonged earth tremors shook New Delhi and much of northern India just after 0530 G.M.T. on Sunday, while in Orleansville, N. Algeria, a sharp tremor lasting five seconds struck the town on Sunday morning, Reuter reported.

U.K. Chief Justice Feels At Home in Israel Courts

By MACABEE KASKIN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

"I felt very much at home sitting in on the bench of Israel courts. Except for the different language and the lack of wigs, everything is the same," Lord Hubert Parker, England's new Lord Chief Justice, told this reporter.

LORD PARKER

Lord Parker is here on a two-week visit during which he delivered the Lionel Cohen Lectures at the Hebrew University's Faculty of Law and spent Christmas in Jordan to visit the holy places.

The questions put to him after his lectures definitely showed that both countries were working along the same legal lines, he said.

The two systems have so much in common that Lord Parker declared himself in favour of translating into English the decisions of Israel's courts, particularly those of the Supreme Court in regard to control over administrative bodies, for study by English jurists and lawyers.

As for his general impression of the country, he thought Israelis "displayed dynamic energy in rebuilding the State. It used to be said that the strength of the Israelis derived from their struggle against a harsh environment, and I think the same is true of Israel today. Israel's very difficulties are a challenge to everyone, and I think it is wonderful what has been done in so short a time."

Juvenile Offenders

Turning to the problem of young offenders, he said that he believed in "short and sharp" prison terms. The Lord Chief Justice added that by "short" he meant prison terms up to three months. By "sharp" he meant that offenders should be subjected to "severe prison discipline" and kept moving "on the double."

If offenders were sent up for long terms, "the prison became their home," and had no deterrent effect.

Many of England's "Teddy Boys" — wild young men given over to crime — had been brought to their senses by the "short and sharp" treatment, statistics showed. The "Teddy Boy" phenomenon often resulted from the fact that fathers were unable to control their sons — which often meant giving them a healthy thrashing.

"If the 'short and sharp' didn't straighten the young man out, then the courts should go back to ordinary methods of long-term imprisonments."

"The majority of the people favoured retaining the death sentence," he said, adding "that only the intellectuals wanted to abolish it." He noted that the death penalty was not a deterrent to crime in all cases, but it certainly helped to prevent "murders committed during a robbery."

Commenting on the entire problem of punishment the Lord Chief Justice said that "nobody has ever solved, or ever will, the problem of what is the correct punishment. Today, there is a tendency to explain away all crime as some mental illness. Doctors and psychiatrists are believed to know much better than judges — but I doubt if this is so — for these doctors disagree among themselves. I personally think the Courts should mete out what they consider fitting punishment. Afterwards the doctors can cure any mental illness — if it exists."

Judgments in "murder, rape and serious robbery cases are invariably handed down six weeks after the crime was committed." Appeals take an additional fortnight.

"It takes only one to three days to hear a murder trial, although in cases of large financial frauds, where there was much and complicated evidence, trials might take up to 9-12 months."

P.O. Clerk Jailed One Year for Theft

HAIFA. — A clerk in the Hadar Hacarmel branch Post Office was on Sunday jailed for one year, with an additional year suspended sentence by District-Court Relieving President S. Kassan and Judges E. Slonim and B. Caspi.

The clerk, Naftali Israel, 31, admitted to having stolen IL1,000 from the Post Office till in February this year. The offence was allegedly committed in complicity with the branch manager, Avraham Shapiro, 41, whose trial is continuing. He has pleaded not guilty.

SUPREME COURT LIBRARIAN DIES

Dr. David Schlossberg, librarian of the Supreme Court, died in Jerusalem on Sunday at the age of 65. Dr. Schlossberg came to this country in 1939 from Germany where he was a practising lawyer. He leaves a wife and daughter.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

TEL AVIV: Altman, 1 King George, 63791. Ben Yehuda, 142 Ben Yehuda, 23535. Yani, 67 Yehuda Halevi, 62474. Orah, 99 Dizengoff, 23320. Ziva, Hatikva Qtr. **JAFFA:** Glinka, 19 Rehov 4, 83429. **RAMAT GAN:** Orion, 19 Arlosoroff, 71491. **PETAH TIKVA:** Assuta, 7 Stempfer. **REHOVOT:** Levinsky, 170 Herzl, 95-1091. **RISHON:** Krelien. **HOLON:** Rivek, Struma Sq. **NATANYA:** Natanya. **HAIFA:** Pevsner, 27 Pevsner, 4073. **KIRYAT BIALIK:** Zvulun.

EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

JERUSALEM: Dr. Hameiri, 71 Bethlehem, 61457. Dr. Weiss, 19 Ussishkin, 2581. Dr. Shor, 45 Rashi. **TEL AVIV:** Dr. Har Even, 35 Sheinkin, 25411. Dr. Eisen, 5 Shimshon, 26748.

Plan to Liquidate Ma'barot Hits Snag

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ministry of Labour's three-year plan to liquidate all *ma'barot* by 1961 will have been only 45 per cent implemented at the end of its second year; unless a crash-programme is adopted in the third year — at an estimated cost of IL70m. — the plan will not meet its deadline.

The plan covered the years 1958, 1959 and 1960. However, units begun in 1960, even if finished in 1961, are included, since the funds were allocated in 1960.

At the beginning of this year (1958), there were about 100,000 persons (22,000 families) in *ma'barot*. Of these, 20,000 families lived in prefabricated wooden huts and 2,000 families in canvassed huts. In the first year, 2,000 families were evacuated from pre-fabs to flats, and 1,000 families from the canvassed huts — 19,000 families remaining.

The Ministry of Labour's Housing Division will complete some 5,000 flats during 1959, reducing the *ma'barot* population to 14,000 families. For the 1959/60 fiscal year, (the second year of the plan), the Ministry has asked for funds to build only an additional 2,000 units.

To build 12,000 units for the remaining *ma'barot* dwellers in the third year would require at least IL72m., about IL6,000 for each flat. Ministry circles express doubts if this sum can be raised, especially if the Housing Division continues simultaneously to build flats for newcomers arriving from East Europe.

For the latter category of immigrants, the Ministry has enough flats on hand to keep pace with an influx of 4,000 to 5,000 each month till April. It is planned to build 3,000 flats to accommodate immigrants arriving after this date and until new funds are allocated.

Joanovici First Jew Expelled from Israel

Joseph Joanovici was the first Jew expelled from Israel since the State was founded, the Ministry of Interior spokesman stated in Jerusalem on Sunday. He added that he was expelled not because he had committed a crime abroad — but because he had collaborated with the Nazis.

The State has given refuge to persons wanted abroad as long as they guarantee to obey the laws of this country.

In the past ten years, about 20 non-Jews, mostly infiltrators, have been expelled.

Drought Hits Beduin Flocks Hard, Withers Negev Fields

By PHILIP GILLON, Jerusalem Post Reporter

"Five of my sheep died of hunger today. I must have help!" The Beduin shepherd looked hopefully at the man at the Department of Agriculture, the man behind the desk.

But what help can the Government give? The early drought of the winter of 1958-59 has followed the late drought of last year; for eleven consecutive months there has been no rain whatsoever in the Northern Negev. For the Jewish farmers this is a catastrophe that will cost millions of pounds; for the flocks of the Beduin it is a disaster for which there seems to be no remedy.

Last year the Government supplied them with straw to supplement what natural pasturage survived; in the summer many of them were allowed to migrate North. This migration brought them into violent conflict with Jewish farmers, but it did achieve its purpose of keeping their herds alive. This year there is no natural pasturage left to which they can migrate.

The problem is made graver by the fact that the Beduin have increased their flocks far beyond the capacity of their pasturage, even without drought. Today they own over 100,000 sheep and 20,000 camels. They have even bought livestock in Jordan, where the drought forced prices down.

Arid Areas Lucky

Unfortunately, the Bedu's camel or sheep is not only an economic asset, it is also an integral part of his folklore, and the Government has hesitated to take steps to force an essential reduction in number by about 75 per cent.

As far as Jewish farmers in the Northern Negev are concerned, they estimate their losses at IL1 per head of cattle per day. In one sense this region has been luckier than the Lachish area and the Western Negev, where there was just sufficient rain to make seeds sprout, after which they withered away with the drought. With no rain at all, the seeds are still dormant in the soil and presumably can germinate.

In Lachish the losses already incurred run into millions of pounds. All the barley has been lost in the area east of Kiryat Gat; west of the Lachish capital, there are hopes that some barley still survives and would give some sort of yield, although a poor one. In the eastern sector all the vetch is lost; in the west, it is standing and trifolium (clover) is being sown to provide fodder.

Throughout, Lachish farmers have re-seeded with two varieties of wheat which can be planted late; this has added a further IL6 per dunam to the original cost of ploughing and sowing calculated at IL15 per dunam. One hundred thousand dunams are affected in the area.

Strain on Water Supply

The strain on the water supply is tremendous. Many irrigated fields set aside for spring vegetables have been allocated to fodder under a project correctly described as "Rescue Irrigation" — each dunam will receive 60-80 cubic metres of Yarkon water per month instead of the average 100 cubic metres of rainfall. Planners calculate that they have to irrigate 400 to 500 dunams of fodder per village to get 150-200 tons. This means that over a million cubic metres of water intended only for irrigated crops is being diverted for fodder alone.

Furthermore, fields under irrigation which would normally rely on winter rains now have their sprinklers going as if it were midsummer, pouring out water at the rate of thirty to forty-thousand cubic metres per month. The farmers have to pay for this water from their pockets — but ultimately the cost will fall on the nation as a whole, either in the form of compensation, subsidies or higher prices. (The price of hay, normally IL90 per ton, has risen to IL250 and is soaring daily.)

Zohar Reservoir Dry

The Jewish Agency has decided to loan aluminium pipes from its stores to settlers so that they can increase their capacity to irrigate. The Zohar reservoir, intended to store the winter surplus waters of the Yarkon for the summer up to a capacity of eight million cubic metres, and last spring a noble expanse of water unexpectedly shimmering in the heart of Lachish, is today only a pond containing practically no water at all. Cars drive along the bed of the dam; even the control tower in the middle of the dam stands on almost dry land.

At the Nehora tractor station, only one tractor of 25 is in use; the others stand idle and frustrated.

Wolves at Top In 1st Division

LONDON (Reuter). — Wolverhampton Wanderers jumped into a three point lead in the English First Division, following two wins in the Xmas programme. On Saturday they crushed Portsmouth, 7-0, at Molineux Park, after they had won 6-3 at Portsmouth on Friday. Norman Deeley and Colin Booth each scored a hat-trick for the Wolves on Saturday.

Bolton Wanderers, leaders before the holiday matches, have now sunk into 5th place. They lost 1-0 at Everton Friday and crashed 3-0 in the return match at Bolton, Saturday. West Bromwich Albion took over second place, as a result of their narrow 1-0 win at Leeds in a terrific battle, which ended in a player from each side being sent off. Arsenal moved from sixth place to third by beating Luton Town 1-0, partially avenging their 6-3 trouncing at Luton Friday.

There is no stopping Manchester United in their all-out bid to regain their former greatness. They beat Aston Villa, 2-0 at Villa Park to record their seventh consecutive triumph.

Steep Climb

In the past six weeks, United have climbed from tenth to fourth in the table. Wolves' four challengers each have 29 points.

Sheffield Wednesday's 1-0 victory at Lincoln and Fulham's 3-0 defeat at Brighton temporarily sorted out the close struggle at the head of Division II. The Wednesdays now have 37 points — three more than Fulham. Next, with 33 points, are Stoke City, who gained four points from their two fixtures against Leyton Orient.

Plymouth Argyle, the Division III leaders, surprisingly lost 1-2 in London against Queens Park Rangers, and Hull City drew at Mansfield to close the gap between this pair of promotion-seekers. Argyle, with 36 points, led by two from Hull. Coventry City, top team in Division IV, dropped a point in their away match against Torquay United. York City, 3-2 winners at Barrow, are now only one point behind, with 34.

Rangers strengthened their grip at the top of the Scottish First Division with a narrow 3-2 victory over Third Lanark, who had a goal disallowed in the last minute.

Tel Aviv Stock Market

DECEMBER 28, 1958

Pop. Loan 1949/69 (IL1.20)	96
6% Comp. Loan 52/67	71
Pal. Bearer Bds. Ser. 1	96½
3½% Comp. Loan	68
5½% War Loan 54/69	97½
3½% Travel Dollar a)	96½
4% Reg. Sterling "A"	97½
Def. Loan Bonds 6½% f)	103⅜
4½% Def. Bonds f)	102½
6½% Def. Bonds g)	103½
6½% Loc. G. Debs. f)	102⅞
6½% Loc. G. Debs. g)	109⅜
Pal. Elec. pref. sh. (Ldn.)	278
6½% Bonds 58/68 f)	103
ditto g)	109½
Keren Hayesod	
6½% Deb. 58/66 f)	102½
ditto g)	104½
6% Deb. 59/68 f)	102⅜
ditto g)	102
Igroth 6½% Deb. 58/63	102½
Rassco 6½% Deb. 58/66	
Class "A" f)	101½
Class "B" g)	109
Rassco 6% pref. ord. sh.	82½
Sh. Leumi ord. sh.	147
Bearer Savings Cert. '59	96½
Sh. Leumi Investment	
Ord. sh. 'B' reg.	101
Ata ord 'B' sh.	81½
"Kurdaneh" ord. 'B'	81½
7% con. debs. 58/68	90½
"Teva" ord. sh.	83
Pal. Cold St. ord sh. reg.	130
Pasa 4% debs. 40/64 reg.	80
Binur 4% debs. 56/65	88½
Nir 5% pref. sh.	91½
Gen. Mortg. Bk. ord. sh.	82½
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	86
5% debs.	88½
Afr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh.	54½
Meller ord. sh. reg.	1075
Pal. Brewery 8% con. debs	77
Assis Bejarano "B" sh.	67
Nesher 6% debs "A" 55/64	117
Pal. Potash "A" ord. sh.	53½
Dead Sea Works	282
Delek ord. sh. "C"	92
Mekorot pref. sh.	77
Jordan Exploration Co.	86
Ord. sh. reg.	
G.U.S.—Rassco Ltd.	
6½ debs 61/68 (bearer) f	103

Notes: a) purchasing price; b) selling price; c) ex-coupon; d) ex-dividend; e) ex-right; f) linked with $; g) linked with C.o.L.; x) in % of IL1.800.

Notices to the Public

NOTICE CONCERNING THE HOLDING OF EXAMINATIONS FOR TRAVEL AGENTS

Notice is hereby given that examinations for travel agents will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 1959.

Travel agents with three years' experience in Israel are obliged to sit for these examinations in accordance with the 1957 Emergency Regulation governing Travel Bureaus.

All travel agents eligible for these examinations should apply to the Controller of Foreign Exchange, Ministry of Finance, Jerusalem, by January 9, 1959, attaching documents proving their experience in this field.

The Advisory Committee
for the Licensing
of Travel Agents.

Renewal of Radio Licences

The Post Office hereby reminds all owners of radio sets that their licences for the current year expire on December 31, 1958.

According to the Defence Stamp Law (Amendment to and Extension of Period of Levy) 1958, all owners of radio sets will be required to pay, in addition to the normal fee, the sum of IL3 for the Defence Stamp.

Persons wishing to renew their licences are requested to bring their licence cards with them. Without this card the licence will not be renewed.

Persons possessing accounts in Bank Hadoar can pay the fee through the Bank on production of the licence.

Those who do not renew their licences before February 15, 1959, will be obliged to pay a fine of 20% in addition to the licence fee.

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Cinemas

JERUSALEM

3.30, 6.45, 8.45

ARNON: This Happy Feeling.
EDEN: Dunkirk.
OR GIL: The Best Years of Our Lives. 6, 8.45.
ORION: Montparnasse 19.
ORNA: Fraulein.
RON: Les bijoutiers du Claire de Lune. (The Night Heaven Fell).
SEMADAR: For Whom The Bell Tolls.
TEL OR: Oeil pour oeil (An Eye for an Eye).
ZION: The Joker is Wild.
EDISON: The Right To Be Born.
STUDIO: A Face in the Crowd.

TEL AVIV

3.30, 7.15, 9.15

ALLENBY: This Angry Age.
ARMON DAVID: South Sea Woman.
CHEN: Around the World in 80 Days.
EDEN: Gazal el-Banat.
ESTHER: The Brothers Karamasov.
GAT: Indiscreet.
MAXIM: Indiscreet.
MERKAZ: L'Ultima Violenza.
MOGRABI: The Bridge on the River Kwai.
MIGDALOR: La Chatte.
OPHIR: Le Gorille vous salue bien.
ORION: Les amants.
PEER: Therese Etienne.
SHDEROTH: Giant.
TAMAR: The Great Dictator.
TEL AVIV: Mardi Gras.
TCHELET: Oklahoma.
YARON: The Badlanders.
ZAFON: Othello.
ZAMIR: Wuthering Heights.

HAIFA

3.30, 6.45, 9

ORION: The Mark of the Hawk.
PEER: Desire Under The Elms.
ARMON: Around the World in 80 Days.
ATZMON: The Happy Road.
GAL OR: Santa Fe Passage.
MORIAH: Le Notti di Cabiria.
EN DOR: The Man Who Knew Too Much.
ORLY: L'amant de Lady Chatterley (Lady Chatterley's Lover).
AMPHITHEATRE: The Hunters.
MAY: Raintree County.
ORAH: La traversee de Paris.

LYDDA AIRPORT FLIGHTS

ARRIVALS: Sabena 537 from Brussels, Vienna and Athens at 2340. TWA 830 from New York, Paris, Zurich, Rome and Athens at 2340. Alitalia 496 from Rome and Athens at 2320. KLM 527 from Amsterdam and Munich at 0010. Olympic Airways 600 from London, Paris, Rome, Athens and Nicosia at 2300.

DEPARTURES: Swissair 333 to Athens and Zurich at 0700. BEA 127 to Athens, Rome and London at 0615. El Al 411 to Rome, Munich and Brussels at 0830. El Al 101 to Cano, Leopoldville and Johannesburg at 0040.

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ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
322, 249, 28.8 & 41.7 M.

News: Hebrew: 6.30, 7.00 and 7.58 a.m. 1.30, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00 and 11.00 p.m. **English:** 2.00 p.m. **French:** 2.15 p.m.

6.30 Religious Service (R). 6.37 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.17 Morning Melodies. 8.00 Close Down.

11.00 a.m. Popular Concert: Rimsky-Korsakov: "Russian Easter"; Overture; Kodaly: "Harry Janos", Suite; Dvorak: "Middaywitch," Symphonic Poem; Sibelius: Valse Triste. 12.00 Women's Programme. 12.15 Lunchtime Music. 1.00 Israel Songs. 1.20 Ladday Busby (Trombone). 1.45 Where to Go? 1.50 Light Music.

4.30 p.m. News in English, Swedish and Spanish. 5.05 Popular Songs and Melodies. 5.45 Children's Corner. 6.00 Youth Corner. 6.30 "Test Yourself in the Bible." 6.45 "From the Bookshelf." 7.20 At the Cinema. 7.40 Legends from the Orient. 7.55 Sephardic Songs. 8.10 Three Preludes for Organ, by Yohanan Bohm, played by Max Lampel, with Strings of the Kol Yisrael Orchestra. 8.25 Monthly Entertainment Bag, ed. by I. Daliot and presented by Gila Elmagor. 8.50 Bible Reading: Yeshayahu, chap. 23 & 24. 9.10 Political Newsreel. 9.30 "Curtain Up." Comment by B. Eliav. 9.15 10.30 Popular Symphonic Music. 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
423, 460, 293.7, 41.7 & 33.3 M.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.00 Tunes of the Nations. 6.30 Contemporary Music at the Brussels World Fair, 1958: Luigi Nono: "Incontri"; Bruno Maderna: "Dimensioni" for Flute and Magnetic-tape; Henri Pousseur: "Rhymes" for different Sources of Sound. 7.05 French. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Yemenite. 8.15 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.30 Ladino. 9.00 Rumanian. 9.15 Hungarian. 9.30 Polish. 9.45 News in English.

ARABIC PROGRAMME

Arabic Programme (including News): 6.30-7.15 a.m. 1.15-2.15 and 5.30-11.15 p.m. Persian 5.15 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): Programme to South Africa: 6.30 News. 6.40 "Kol Zion Correspondents' Report." 6.50 Tune of the Week. 6.55 "From the Federation."

Programme to the U.K.: 10.15 News. 7.25 "Kol Zion Correspondents' Report." 10.35 "Hit Parade."

ARMY PROGRAMME (48.4, 216, 225 & 235 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.40 Request Programme for Hebrew Songs. 7.00 News. 7.15 Musical Pot-Pourri. 7.30 Tunes of the Nations. 8.00 "From Strength to Strength." 8.15 Musical Key. 8.45 Marching Tunes. 9.00 News. 9.15 "Stage for Soldier." 9.45 Dance Music.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (18.80 16.84 & 24.80): 7.15-7.45 p.m. News. News Talk. London Letter.

MUSIC U.S.A. (19 & 25 M.): Voice of America. 9.00-11.00 p.m. Light music & jazz.

CYPRUS BROADCASTING SERVICE — English Programme (494 & 495 M.): 7.25 a.m. News. 12.30 p.m. Midday melodies. 2.15 News. 4.30 Teatime Music. 7.00 Dolls." 10.00 Monday Concert. News and Commentary. 7.15 Excerpts from "Guys and 11.00 News.

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Where to go

• **Meet the Israeli:** — Tourists invited to meet Israelis at home. Information at Government Tourist Office, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa.

• **Zoo:** — Jerusalem Biblical Zoo. 8-6.

• **Exhibitions:** — New Exhibitions: 10 Years of Archaeological Activities, 1948-1958. Special Exhibition: New excavations at Kabri and Akziv. Department of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech, 9-1, 3-5. Permanent exhibition of Jewish Ceremonial Art. Expressionism. Jewish artists (from Museum Collection). Archaeological pieces. Samples of primitive sculpture. Bezalel Museum, 9-1; 2.30-5. Exhibition of Oil Paintings and Monotypes by David Ben Shaul, Artists' House, 10-1; 4-6.

• **Theatre:** — Habima: "Cry, the Beloved Country," 9, Edison.

• **Tours:** — Hebrew University conducted tour in English, daily at 12 noon, New University Campus. Spend a morning with Hadassah on a conducted tour starting at 9 a.m. Book for this tour by phoning 4061, Hadassah Club, Straus Health Centre.

• **Lecture:** — S. Barkai, "Impressions of a Mission to Ghana," Beeri Club, 9 Rehov Alharizi, 8.30.

• **Film Shows:** — Israel Films daily, 11.30 Keren Hayesod Hall.

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• **Restaurants:** — Italian specialities. Lunch, Dinner. Luky's Bar Restaurant, 3 Allenby Rd. First Class Italian menu at IL5. Phone 23752.

• **Zoological Gardens:** — Open between 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

• **Exhibitions:** — Ya'acov Agam: "Paintings in Movement—Transformable Painting." Biblical Illustrations, Marc Chagall. Tel Aviv Museum, 10-4. Paintings by Sarah Glicksman-Faitlowicz. Artists' Pavilion, 9 Rehov Alharizi, 10-1; 4-7. Painters and Sculptors Gallery, Hamlin House, 26 Rehov Weizmann, 10-1; 4-7.

• **Theatre:** — Habimah: "Lysistrata." 8. Cameri: "Look Homeward, Angel." 8.

• **Tourist Service:** — Visit Hadassah Club, 30 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel. 28239. Wiso Club, 91 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel. 26825, 8-2 p.m.

• **Z.O.A. House:** — Professor Baruch Kurzweil on "Twentieth Century Hebrew Literature" (8.30 p.m.). Tourist Service (9 a.m.—9 p.m.) and daily.

HAIFA

• **Tourist Service:** — Hadassah Club, Youth Aliyah Offices, 22 Rehov Hehalutz, Tel. 67965.

Exhibitions: — Consumer goods exhibition: lighting fixtures, lamps, fabrics and toys. Industrial Design Exhibition Centre. Beit Hakranot, 10-1; 4-7.

First floor: Japanese water colours. Second floor: School of France and School of Paris; Fortnightly Exhibit: Composition by Haim Nahor. Municipal Museum of Modern Arts, 10-1, 4-7. Water colours, Gouaches, Drawings by Muriel Bentwich-Moshenson. Memorial exhibition of paintings by Shlomo Salomonowitz. Artists' House, 24 UNO Ave., 10-1; 4-7 (except Fridays).

HADERA

• **Theatre:** — Habimah, "Cry, the Beloved Country," 8.

LOD

• **Entertainment:** — Dzigan & Szumacher: "Zeh vi du gehst." 8.30.

REHOVOT

• **Entertainment:** — "Les Ballets Africains" de Keita Fodéba. 8.30.

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LECTURES IN HEBREW THIS WEEK
Tonight, 8.45 — "Geography of the Negev" by Menashe Harel.
Tomorrow, 8.45 — "Are There Jewish Folk-Tales?" by Haim Schwarzbaum.
Tomorrow, 8.45 — "Is the Cow to Blame?" Debate: S. Dayan M.K. and Mr. Reuven Weitz.
Thursday, Jan. 1st, 8.45 — "What do the Excavations at Hatzor prove about the Conquest of Galilee?" by Dr. Y. Aharoni.

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ISRAEL LAW OF SUPERVISION OF INSURANCE BUSINESS, 1951

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS FOR YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1957 & 1956

	1957	1956		1957	1956
Transfers from Revenue Accounts			United Kingdom Taxation		
Fire	£ 97,307	£ 96,109	Amount set aside	£ 53,000	£ 21,000
Accident	12,152	—	Profit for the year carried down	111,811	116,257
Marine	3,515	—			
	112,974	96,109			
Less Accident	—	2,477			
	112,974	93,632			
Interest and Dividends (less United Kingdom Taxation)	51,837	43,625			
	£164,811	£137,257		£164,811	£137,257
Profit for the year brought down	111,811	116,257	Transfer to Investment Reserve	100,000	100,000
Balance at the beginning of the year	698,831	717,074	Proposed Dividend for the year (less Income Tax)	38,812	34,500
			Balance carried forward	671,830	698,831
	£810,642	£833,331		£810,642	£833,331

BALANCE SHEETS AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1957 & 1956

	1957	1956		1957	1956
Capital: —			Investments (at or below cost less reserve): —		
Authorised:			Loans	£186,000	£186,000
100,000 Shares of £1 each, £100,000			Other Securities	1,714,279	1,690,428
Issued:				£1,900,279	£1,876,428
100,000 Shares of £1 each, fully paid	£100,000	£100,000	Other Assets		
General Reserve	250,000	250,000	Agents' Balances	132,441	127,907
Profit and Loss Account	671,830	698,831	Interest and Dividends accrued	17,324	15,841
Insurance Funds	681,569	670,014	Balance of Reinsurance accounts	49,241	77,332
Claims Outstanding	343,751	322,660	Amounts due by Holding Company and fellow Subsidiaries	12,425	6,691
Amounts due to Holding Company and fellow Subsidiaries	10,334	16,753	Cash in hand, with banks and on deposit	183,421	184,255
Sundry Balances	198,835	195,696			
Proposed Dividend	38,812	34,500			
	£2,295,131	£2,288,454		£2,295,131	£2,288,454

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ISRAEL PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1956 AND 1957

CREDIT	1957 IL.	1956 IL.	DEBIT	1957 IL.	1956 IL.
Profit transferred from insurance business account — Fire, Accident and Miscellaneous insurance	1,880	24,585	Profit for the year transferred to Head Office	4,055	26,161
Interest	2,175	1,576			
	IL.4,055	IL.26,161		IL.4,055	IL.26,161

Jerusalem, 16th November, 1958.

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Today's Postbags

The Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy.

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	55	7	12	14
Tiberias	58	13	20	22
Haifa Port	62	10	20	21
Natanya	55	11	22	22
Tel Aviv Kirya	60	10	20	21
Tel Aviv Port	69	11	19	20
Lydda Airport	57	6	21	22
Jerusalem	44	8	16	17
Beersheba	35	5	21	22
Sdom	42	11	23	24
Eilat	28	12	23	24

*A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Carlo Maria Giulini, conductor at the La Scala Opera, to appear with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

Dr. P. Jacobi, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem, from the U.S., where he had gone on a Government mission, (by T.W.A.).

Dr. Z. Dinstein, Controller of Foreign Currency, from a week's visit to France, on Ministry business.

Mr. Avraham Salmon, Economic Counsellor at the Israel Embassy in Washington, for a short visit.

Mr. Mordechai Surkis, Chairman of the Kfar Saba Local Council, from a South American tour on behalf of the U.J.A. (by El Al).

Mr. Yitzhak Harkavy, Secretary of Ihud Olami, from a four-month tour of South Africa, Canada and France, (by T.W.A.)

Mr. David Beth Aryeh, head of the Department for Torah Education in the Diaspora of the Jewish Agency, from a short visit to Europe.

Mr. Elisha Sklarsky, Lecturer in Road Construction at the Technion, from a four-month visit to the U.S. (by El Al).

DEPARTURES

Mr. David Dinur, Economic Advisor to the Central Bureau of Statistics, for Ghana under the auspices of the U.N. Technical Aid Administration, to assist the Ghana Development Board.

184 IMMIGRANTS arrived at Lydda Airport by El Al over Saturday night and Sunday.

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THE POLISH national basketball team is scheduled to face the Israel Selected at the Ramat Gan stadium at 2.45 p.m. on Monday (today), the first time that a Polish national basketball five has played in this country. The team arrived on Sunday night aboard an El Al plane from Istanbul.

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IMMIGRANT LAWYERS can be introduced to Hebrew legal terminology and the laws of Israel at a seminar planned by the Association of Immigrant Lawyers for Tel Aviv next month.

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A KUPAT HOLIM district clinic, built at a cost of IL160,000, was dedicated on Sunday afternoon in Eilat. Most of the money was donated by Canadians.

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BANK LEUMI has established two scholarships at an agricultural school for students from Zichron Ya'acov and donated a sum for improvements to youth clubs in Ramat Hasharon, to mark the opening of new branches in those places yesterday.

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FIVE DONKEYS, seven cows and two calves on Sunday crossed into Israel from Jordan near Kibbutz Sha'albim, near Latrun. They were taken to the Lydda Quarantine Station.

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A BUS LINE to connect Giv'at Hamoreh with the centre of Afula, some four kilometres away, was begun on Sunday. It will serve some 2,000 new immigrants.

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BUSES ARRIVING in Tel Aviv after 9 p.m. will henceforth not be allowed to park in Rehov Hagedud Haivri near the central bus station, but inside the station itself. This decision of the Municipal Transport Committee was taken in response to complaints from residents of the neighbourhood about the disturbance caused by the buses late in the evenings.

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THE FOUR Jerusalem Prizes for works written on religious themes are to be awarded on January 8 at the Municipality.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL TO JURISTS CONFERENCE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Attorney General, Mr. Haim Cohn, is leaving on Friday for India to attend the meeting of the International Commission of Jurists. He will be away from Israel about 10 days.

He has been asked to lecture at the meetings.

Reorganization Of Even Vesid Stayed

A temporary injunction preventing the appointment of a new management for the Even Vesid subsidiary of Solel Boneh was issued on Sunday by Jerusalem District Judge B. Shereshevsky at the request of the concern's former manager, Mr. Binyamin Kav-Venaki.

Mr. Kav-Venaki claimed that the recent reorganization of Solel Boneh, which he had opposed and under which Even Vesid came under the jurisdiction of the Building Section of that firm, was carried out with complete disregard for his rights as a stockholder in the concern. He further claimed that the appointment of the new Even Vesid management by Hevrat Ovdim, the Histadrut holding company, was illegal, as such an appointment could be made only by the stockholders. In addition to himself, these are his brother, Mr. Isser Kav-Venaki, and Messrs. Hillel Dan, Shmuel Margolin and Simha Golan.

Mr. Dan and Mr. Margolin are two of the eight Solel Boneh managers who refused to accept the new posts offered them under the Solel Boneh reorganization several months ago.

The former manager of Even Vesid also stated that he had been prepared to submit his financial claims against the firm to arbitration, but the arbitrator, whom the Histadrut had insisted on choosing, would obviously have been biased, he claimed.

In addition, he had been informed that, to qualify for arbitration, he would have to agree to sign over all his holdings in Even Vesid to Solel Boneh for compensation to be set by the arbitrator, and that he would have to agree not to engage in any work similar to that conducted by Even Vesid for a period of three years, since he was in possession of various trade secrets in the gravel quarrying and lime business.

Needless to say, he rejected arbitration and filed charges before the court, Mr. Kav-Venaki declared. *(Itim)*

Drunken Driver Deprived Of Licence, Jailed, Fined

TEL AVIV. — A truck driver from Tel Adashim was on Sunday sentenced by the Magistrates Court to two months in jail and fined IL80 for drunken driving. The Court also suspended the driving licence of Eliezer Beck, 30, for five years.

Early in the morning of April 15, the accused, driving a 20-ton semi-trailer, collided with a taxi at the approaches to Tel Aviv. He had been driving at 80 k.p.h. in a built-up area.

It came out in court that the accused was on his way from Haifa to the Negev, and when he arrived at Ramat Gan he stopped off for "a quick one" at a bar. He then got into his vehicle and a few minutes later the accident occurred.

Inspector Y. Kaufman of the Traffic Division told the court that the accused had a previous conviction for a similar offence. *(Itim)*

Dan Employees Consider Strike

TEL AVIV. — Over a thousand employees of the Dan Bus cooperative — including drivers, conductors, clerks, garage workers and ticket sellers — will take time off at 10 o'clock on Monday morning (today) to hold a meeting at the Peer Cinema on the question of calling a strike.

Their spokesman said the "last straw" was the Dan management's refusal to give free transport to their children. The main aim, however, is permanent status and a guaranteed eight-hour day. *(Itim)*

2-HOUR INTERRUPTION IN HAIFA-T.A. TRAINS

HAIFA. — The train service to Tel Aviv was held up for about two hours Sunday morning after a goods train damaged some signalling equipment near Herzliya. By 8 a.m. the line was clear and the Haifa-Tel Aviv express left as usual.

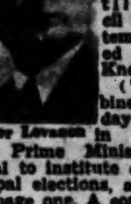
Egged added buses to its interurban line to cope with the additional load.

How Mayors See Direct Elections

Most in Tel Aviv Area See Electoral Change as Beneficial

By MARK SEGAL, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Most of the incumbent mayors and chairmen of local councils in the Tel Aviv area declared themselves in favour of direct municipal elections when canvassed by *The Jerusalem Post* on Sunday.



Mayor Levanon

Those in favour, however, insisted that they would have to be granted broader powers to prevent being sabotaged by a hostile council if the system is adopted by the Knesset.

(The Cabinet on Sunday approved in principle the Prime Minister's proposal to institute direct Municipal elections, as reported on page one. A committee of three was appointed to formulate a draft law for presentation to the Knesset.)

The Mayor of Tel Aviv, Mr. Haim Levanon (General Zionist) said that he personally would be prepared to support the proposal if two pre-conditions were fulfilled: that the mayor be accorded sufficient authority to survive a hostile council and that he be elected by a majority and not a plurality vote. The latter could be achieved by a run-off poll between the two leaders in the first ballot, Mr. Levanon said.

Ramat Gan

Unqualified support for the proposal was voiced by Mayor Avraham Krinitzi of Ramat Gan (General Zionist).

"I fully agree with my friend Mayor Khoushy, of Haifa, that a mayor should not have to depend on this councillor or that. I myself suggested the idea five years ago. This change must come. The whole prestige of being a mayor has dropped in the last few years, and direct elections will retrieve it."

Bat Yam

Similar support came from Mayor David Ben-Ari of Bat Yam (Mapai). "We must concern ourselves chiefly with building up our cities and not with national politics," he said.

Both Mr. Ben-Ari and Mr. Krinitzi received more votes in local elections than their respective parties in the elections to the Third Knesset.

Holon

Mayor Pinhas Eilon, of Holon (Mapai), also favoured direct mayoral elections "because it means better local government." He was not yet sure as to his candidature.

Bnei Brak

Mayor Moshe Bagano of Bnei Brak (Agudat Yisrael) was strongly opposed to the idea. "At present, a mayor receives his coalition's cooperation; but if his coalition is hostile it will be very difficult," he said.

Petah Tikva

Mayor Pinhas Rashish, of Petah Tikva (Mapai), was enthusiastically in favour. "A mayor has to be concerned with his city's affairs and not be dependent on councillors' whims," he said.

Rishon le-Zion

The Mayor of Rishon le-Zion, Mrs. Hanna Levin (General Zionist), was for the scheme because "it's good for the State."

Herzliya

From Herzliya, *The Jerusalem Post* learned that the chairman of the local council, Mr. Benzion Michaeli (Mapai) favoured the proposal but did not intend running for the coming local elections "under any circumstances."

Rehovot

Mayor Y. Katz, of Rehovot (Mapai), favoured the proposal as an improvement on the reigning electoral system. He believed that the mayor would have greater personal responsibility. While not diminishing the democratic processes, it would hasten their implementations. Is would stabilise the municipal council and do away with the "automatic crisis." Mr. Katz would prefer to run under the new method, but had not yet decided finally.

Ben-Gurion Stand in Beersheba

BEERSHEBA. — Mr. David Ben-Gurion will stand for election to the National Convention of Mapai in Beersheba on Saturday as a resident of the party's Negev District. The Prime Minister was elected to the Beersheba District Council of Mapai as a resident of Sde Boker during the last local Mapai elections here.

Kfar Saba, Ra'anana

Opposing views were expressed by the chairman of the Kfar Saba Local Council, Mr. M. Surkiss (Mapai), and the chairman of the Ra'anana Local Council, Mr. B. Ostrovsky (Progressives).

Mr. Ostrovsky feared that bargaining would become the mayor's lot. He "strongly doubted whether he would agree to run again under any election system."

Benyamina

Mr. Mordechai Alon, head of the Benyamina Local Council, (General Zionist), said he supported the change, and would agree to stand in such an election.

Zichron Ya'acov

Mr. Zvi Bronstein, the head of Zichron Ya'acov Local Council, (General Zionist), also supported the changeover, but said he had not yet decided whether he would agree to stand as a candidate, his hesitations being mainly on grounds of poor health.

Beersheba

Pleased at the decision, Mayor David Touviahu of Beersheba (Mapai) told *The Jerusalem Post* that he had proposed a similar measure to the Mapai Secretariat four months ago but it had not been accepted for technical reasons.

He said that the Cabinet decision "has definitely influenced me in favour of running for the Mayoralty," although he said he had not decided for certain yet.

Mr. Touviahu said he had also proposed at the same meeting that Municipal elections be not held on the same day as national elections and that elections for different municipal bodies be held on different dates.

Ashkelon

The Ashkelon Mayor, Mr. Arieh Tager, said he "approved the proposal in principle." He pointed out, however, that mayors would not be able to function efficiently unless the law was changed to give them greater independence both of their councils and the Interior Minister, who could now negate all the mayor's decisions. Mayor Tager, in principle, would agree to run under the new system.

Natanya

Mr. Moshe Shaked, Mayor of Natanya (Progressive), welcomed the proposal with the reservation that it was incomplete. He would be willing to stand for Mayor under the proposed system if it were based on the French system whereby the Mayor held 51 per cent of the municipal vote. The proposal at present did not define the Mayor's rights and authority, Mr. Shaked pointed out.

Storm over J'lem Religious Council

After a noisy four-hour session, Mayor Gershon Agron on Sunday night adjourned the Jerusalem Municipal Council without calling for a vote on approving the Religious Council's 1957/58 budget.

He said that a vote would be taken at the next session.

During the debate, Mr. Moshe Baram announced that the Mapai faction would approve the IL310,000 Religious Council's budget (of which the Municipality provides IL155,000) since it had already been spent; it would also approve the 1958/59 budget of IL370,000 (of which the city provides IL170,000). However, he would not vote for the 1959/60 budget if the Council continued to practise what he termed discrimination by imposing an "economic boycott" on the President Hotel by withholding its *kashrut* certificate. This had been done by the Council as a means of punishment for the President Hotel's owner, Mr. Haim Schiff, for sponsoring the German Colony mixed bathing pool, Mr. Baram charged.

Mr. Baram recalled eating at the President Hotel together with Councillor Moshe Porush (Agudat Yisrael) and the fact that it had no *kashrut* certificate at the time had not affected Rabbi Porush's appetite. (The same *mashgiah* works at the President today as then.)

Earlier, Councillor Shear-Yashuv Cohen (National Religious) said that a way would be found to supply non-*kasher* meat to Mr. Suleiman Balan, a Gentile butcher. Rabbi Cohen said that the ritual slaughterers did not want to sell Mr. Balan non-*kasher* meat since they suspected he would sell it to Jews.

Double Filibuster In Tel Aviv Council

TEL AVIV.—The Municipal Council session on Sunday night turned into a coalition versus opposition filibuster match over the former's proposal to double the rates for emptying cesspits.

Deputy Mayor A. Boyer (National Religious), head of the Municipal Sanitation Department, started the verbal marathon when he realized that two Coalition Councillors were out of the hall, which would have meant defeat for the proposal. The hour-long filibuster was taken up by Councillors D. Yutan and Y. Yosifov, both of Herut, and H. Danieli and M. Soroka, General Zionists, while Deputy Mayor S. Shoshani (G.Z.) was summoned from his sick bed and Mrs. M. Ben-Porat of the same party received an emergency call. Cheers greeted their entrance.

Mayor Haim Levanon answered opposition protests by stating that "we have never limited Councillors' time in any discussion." Taking this cue, opposition Councillors went all out to show that they could talk longer than the majority side.

Councillor Z. Shenkar (Mapai) charged that the proposal would impose a new burden on the lower income group, which did not benefit from basic services. Mr. A. Kanto (Ahdut Ha'avoda) said the gaps in the city's budget could have been more easily filled by insisting on payment of overdue business rates. "The proposal is adding insult to injury," Coucillor H. Cohen proclaimed, since those who lacked drainage were asked to pay more for "a poor substitute."

The proposal was finally passed by 16 votes to 15, Mr. S. Goldstein (Progressive) voting with the opposition.

Khoushy Sees Better Candidates

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — "The election of mayors directly by the public will lead to two positive results in the view of Mayor Abba Khoushy (Mapai):

- The political parties will have to put up candidates who are really qualified for their posts, and
- The public, as represented by the smaller parties, will have to agree on one suitable candidate if he is to have a chance of success.

"The election can take place on the same day as the National elections, as is the practice in the U.S. and Scandinavia," Mr. Khoushy told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Mayor Khoushy

"The dismissal as well as the election of a mayor should be entrusted to the citizen, not the municipal council, unless of course he is found convicted of a criminal offence. But such a system is only effective if the Mayor is granted wider powers than he enjoys now.

"He must be the *de facto* head of the Administration with the right to hire and fire employees—through the labour exchange of course — but this should not be subject to the approval of the Municipal Council. This should put an end to the practice of political appointments," the Mayor said.

Direct elections would also lead to a limitation of the number of deputy Mayors. "The present state of affairs is that the smaller the town, the larger number of deputies' Mr. Khoushy said.

More benefits would result in the management of city finances.

"A municipality is an economic entity and provides services. A partisan approach is harmful to its functions. One thing is essential, however. Once a Mayor is elected by the voters, he must cease to be a party man. He must represent the public as a whole, and he should no longer be subject to party pressure," Mr. Khoushy concluded.

Tiberias

Mayor Moshe Tsahar, of Tiberias, (Mapai), recalled that he had proposed six years ago the direct elections of Councillors on a borough basis, as well as the direct election of mayors.

"Councillors should represent a certain section of their town, not a party," he said on Sunday. He indicated that he would put forth his candidacy under such an election in Tiberias. Mr. Tsahar said every candidate for the mayor's post should put up a deposit to be forfeited if he should poll less than ten per cent of the votes.

"This is the practice in several other countries," he said. Another requisite for such a system was to hold Knesset and local elections on different dates.

Hadera

Mayor Y. Widoker, of Hadera, (Mapai), declaring his support for the proposal, said he had voted for it at the Mapai Central Committee meeting last Friday. He announced his readiness to run for mayor.

Danny Kaye Coming

TEL AVIV.—Danny Kaye, who plays the lead role in "Me and the Colonel," is expected here in the first week of the New Year for the premiere of the film at the Allenby Cinema, Mr. Albert Matalon, representative of Columbia Pictures told *The Jerusalem Post* on Sunday.

Zorchaniot Hold Annual Convention

TEL AVIV. — Some 161 consumers' cooperatives in immigrant settlements formerly affiliated with *Hamashbir La-Oleh* have become independent units within the framework of their regional societies. This was disclosed on Sunday evening by the General Manager of Hamashbir Hamerkazi, Mr. Ya'acov Efter, at the opening session of the 18th Annual Convention of the Consumers' Cooperative Society at the Ohel Theatre.

Some 500,000 persons are now served by cooperative stores, Mr. Efter stated. The societies have a combined capital of some IL7m. and an estimated annual turnover of IL160m.

The emphasis at the present convention, he said, would be on stores in cooperative villages *(moshavim)*, where modifications would be suggested to streamline prevailing systems.

Where the Aliya Loan will Go

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Details of how the IL20m. Aliya Loan is to be spent were issued by the Jewish Agency on Sunday. The loan now being floated is based on a further immigration of 16,400 by April 1, the end of the fiscal year, above the year's 24,000 previously provided for in the Agency's current budget.

It is learned, however, that the figure of 16,400 is expected to be exceeded, and that supplementary funds will be needed. This month's immigration will total about 5,500, and it is now anticipated that the next few months will show a still greater rise.

With half the Loan having been allocated to immigrant housing, the remaining IL10m. will be appointed as follows: IL4.750m. for the Immigration Department for transporting newcomers to Israel; accommodating them in transit centres in Austria, Italy, Greece, France and Turkey; and for medical service during the journey.

The Absorption Department has been allotted IL3.25m. for newcomers' initial requirements, which include beds, mattresses, blankets for every family; food parcels, assistance for social welfare cases; relief for the aged, special aid for experts, and *olpanim*.

The Agency points out that most of the East European immigrants arrive—"through no fault of their own" — with very little baggage as compared with previous waves, and that therefore IL700,000 has been earmarked for special assistance.

The Settlement Department is to receive IL1.75m. for the initial absorption of 970 families in 50 existing settlements. Each family will get IL1,800 for repairing farm buildings, preparing farmland, and as working capital.

Finally, IL250,000 is to go to the Youth Aliya and Youth Department, for about 1,000 children expected to arrive with the increased immigration, who will be cared for by Youth Aliya. Of these, 670 will be sent to agricultural settlements, and 330 to educational establishments.

British Settlers Advised To 'Help Themselves' Integrate

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Settlers from Britain grappling with the problems of absorption of newcomers were on Sunday urged to practise mutual economic help as a prerequisite for outside aid.

With an upswing in settlers from the U.K. — over 500 this year — delegates to the eighth annual conference of Hitahdut Olei Britannia meeting in Jerusalem, were told by Mr. Avraham Harman, Jewish Agency Executive member, to establish their own economic institutions, such as a building society. The Hitahdut, he suggested, could establish a fund with the aid of firms owned here by British immigrants, as has been done by its American counterpart. Such a fund could help the housing of immigrants who arrived some years back and no longer qualified for Jewish Agency aid.

Mr. Harman, himself a settler from England, said that potential immigrants in Britain should not be allowed to expect a higher standard of living or better opportunities in Israel than they had in England. "Our job is to stress the great Jewish objectives, and the satisfaction of living in the Homeland." Despite the "shrinking cake" of the Jewish Agency and the present immigration wave, Western newcomers were being given more individual attention than "propelled" immigrants.

The type of immigrant now coming from Britain was in need of financial assistance, according to Mr. Haim Golan, Head of the English-speaking section of the Agency's Absorption Department. Both he and Mr. Harman denied a contention by the Association's chairman, Mr. John White, that Western immigration was being neglected as a result of the present immigration wave.

Several 'Misfits'

Several delegates referred to the number of "misfits" among the newcomers this year. "It is better to have 100 good immigrants than 500 doubtful ones, of whom a number will leave," Mr. Sol. Temkin, Director of the Israel Office of the British Zionist Federation, declared. With several speakers calling for more selection, and more precise information in Britain for potential immigrants, representatives of PATWA and the Agency affirmed that there was selection, but that the "misfits" were often people who came on their own to "see what it's like."

There was a general demand for the setting up of Hitahdut centres in the main cities; for recognition of and aid for the Hitahdut by the U.K. Joint Palestine Appeal and British Zionist movement, and a delineation of the functions of the Hitahdut and the Israel Office of the Federation. The conference welcomed the Department's decision to establish a more comfortable hostel in Jerusalem and asked that it be near the centre of the town.

The core of a new national executive was elected, consisting of Messrs. Stanley Jackson, Issie Greenstein, Zvi Wineberg, Sol Temkin, Shubi Olsvanger, M. Frank, and Mrs. Tillie Silman, with Mr. John White and Mr. Lucien Harris as ex-officio members.

On Saturday night Mayor Gershon Agron gave a reception for delegates in the Town Hall. He promised every assistance to "Anglo-Saxons" settling in the Capital.

Talks on Broadening Agency Executive

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, President of the World Zionist Organization, is shortly to open talks with representatives of non-Zionist organizations in the U.S. with a view to the creation of an advisory council to be attached to the Jewish Agency Executive in New York, it is learned from Jewish Agency circles in Jerusalem. It is hoped that the council will be established before the Zionist Congress next March.

It is understood that Sunday's Cabinet meeting began a discussion on this subject in connection with the possibility of broadening the Executive. The 1956 Zionist Congress resolved that Jewish organizations be invited to share Jewish national responsibilities with the Zionist Movement.

El Al to Cut Staff Because of Losses

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — El Al will have to make staff cuts in an effort to cut down expenses in view of the sharp drop in trans-Atlantic traffic, Mr. E. Ben-Artzi, General Manager of the airlines told the press on Sunday.

While El Al just balanced its budget up to November, that month had seen a sharp decline in business, mainly because of the drop in all trans-Atlantic traffic, he said.

He pointed out that while outlay on wages rose by 12.5 per cent annually, no increase was possible in the price of tickets. The speaker complained that many Israelis, even in official positions, still did not fly El Al, an attitude which Mr. Ben-Artzi attributed to "snobbery."

While the month-old South African flights had proved a great success, general tourist figures this year had fallen below expectations, he said. An average load factor of only 48.5 per cent was recorded for all incoming planes to Lydda in the period January to October, while the figure was 57 per cent for outgoing planes during the same period.

El Al was at present carrying out the biggest air lift of immigrants to this country since the "magic carpet" operation from Yemen, the General Manager reported.

Histadrut Tenants To Get New Status

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut Central Committee on Sunday decided to permit residents of Histadrut housing estates to register as cooperative societies or jointly owned houses *(batim meshutafim)*. Hitherto such housing estates were registered as jointly owned by the Histadrut housing company, local Labour Councils and committees of the tenants, while the owners were considered legally as lessees.

Sunday's decision was opposed by the Mapam and Ahdut Ha'avoda members of the Committee.

It was also decided that the Histadrut Executive (Vaad Hapoel) is to meet on January 14-15 to consider the 1959 budget, the Kanev Report on a national health insurance scheme, and the Khoushy Committee Report on the nationalization of the bus cooperatives.

The Histadrut Council (Moatza) will meet on February 3 to discuss proposed modifications in the Labour Federation's constitution.

Moshavot Parley Stalled By Dispute on Delegation

TEL AVIV. — A meeting of the Moshavot Department of the Histadrut Agricultural Centre was suspended on Sunday when Mapai members failed to return from a consultation on whether to admit a delegation of workers.

The meeting had been confronted by a demand from 30 farm workers to present their case against the Histadrut's decision not to raise their wages this year. The chairman of the meeting, Mr. M. Etzioni, of Mapai, demanded that the delegation leave the hall as the workers' interests were amply represented by the official members of the Centre whom they had elected.

After closing the meeting to permit party consultations on the matter, the Mapai members did not return to the hall, and the delegation was received by the Mapam and Ahdut Ha'avoda members of the Centre. *(Itim)*

PROGRESSIVE PARTY CONFERENCE IN MARCH

TEL AVIV. — The National Conference of the Progressive Party will be held on March 10, 1959, the party spokesman announced on Sunday. The conference will discuss "Liberalism in action," means of reaching economic independence and the citizen's relations to the State.

Avraham Lerner, Banker, Dies at 70

TEL AVIV.—Avraham Lerner, a founder of the Palestine-British Bank Ltd. and a former Tel Aviv Municipal Councillor, was buried at the Nahlat Yitzhak cemetery on Sunday. He passed away on Saturday night at the age of 70 after an extended illness.

Mayor Haim Levanon eulogized the deceased.

Avraham Lerner came to this country in 1924 from Poland, where he had been an active Zionist for many years. From 1926 to 1935 he was a member of the Tel Aviv Municipality, and of the Va'ad Leumi from 1925 to 1930.

He leaves a son and two daughters.

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The Kotz and Zelikovsky Families

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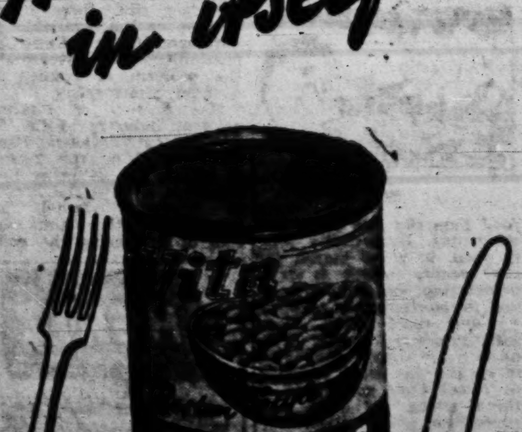

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STABILITY AND COMPETITION

THE currency reforms that go into effect today in several countries of Western Europe have already been dubbed "the most revolutionary step taken in this field in the last ten years." This appears, however, less impressive when one recalls that no drastic changes have been introduced in the alignment of major currencies since the spate of post-war devaluations (except for the French devaluation in 1956).

Moreover, the gradual lessening and removal of controls that had been proceeding during these years had already paved the way for this final leap to convertibility, and the step could now be taken without fear of upsetting the balance. One has also to bear in mind that the new convertibility is not a complete one, like that of the U.S. dollar, for — though precise details in this respect are still lacking — it is clear that the liberalization has been confined to funds owned by non-residents, that is to the flow of international trade and foreign capital transfers, while exports of capital by residents of the respective countries will remain subject to control in future too. The other flaw from the point of view of classical liberalism that has not been removed is the quota system in import control, which plays an important part not only in protectionist France but also in liberal Germany.

Significantly it was this very quota system which obstructed and finally wrecked the negotiations for the establishment of a European Free Trade Area. As France, Italy, Germany, and the Benelux countries decided to proceed with the establishment of their Common Market without regard for its effect on the rest of Europe, Britain and Scandinavia lost their interest in maintaining a common European Payments Union which indirectly discriminated against their non-European trading partners and served to finance France's perennial trade deficit.

That is how the present convertibility of currency was born, and once the knell was sounded for the E.P.U., France was compelled to react by putting her financial house in order. With this background in mind, one should not expect any very far-reaching intentions or consequences. They were certainly intended to clear the stage and take the gloves off of international trade competition, and to that extent they cannot fail to make their influence felt in Israel's trade policies as well. That Israel goods will become somewhat more expensive in the French market is of relatively little importance, for that will be the case with all French imports. But the general trade climate will now be based on international competition and opposed to the bilateral, that is exclusive, deals that still play so great a part in our exports.

Fortunately this trend has for some time now been taken into account by the makers of Israel's trade policies, and a gradual advance towards multilateral commerce had been planned for next year. Now the timetable may have to be changed in view of this week-end's developments, and there may also be other implications as regards home economy and finance. On the other hand, there has as yet been no intimation as to whether the convertibility is meant to have any major impact on Europe's import of dollar goods, though it will presumably increase Europe's attractiveness for American (and other) speculative capital. It is this resurgence of the international capital market and *arbitrage* which may in retrospect emerge as the most important feature of the new economic constellation, and from this angle, too, the nations adhering to the new pattern will have to maintain self-restraint in money matters and to keep abreast of world economic developments to a much greater extent than they were in the habit of doing during the past 30 years of national-minded Keynesian finance.

Inside America: ***By Patrick O'Donovan***

Assault By Television

WASHINGTON (OFNS). — AMERICAN television has ended its Christmas week leaving millions feeling good and a few sick.

It is not known if nations get the television they deserve. It is hard to think what America has done to earn all this. Yet one might have learnt a lot from what was shown last week, though it would hardly have been the whole truth.

Television began its assault on Christmas after most of the shops were already decorated. It began at the start of December with hopped-up selling and with Yuletide spectaculars. Thus, you were offered a new rambler (which is a sort of car) that would be delivered at your door on Christmas Eve. And there would be a big bow on it. And there would be nothing to pay before February. Cosmetics were sold to the sound of bells. Show-girls tended to have their athletic costumes edged with white fur. Snow fell during the old-time songs. Non-doctrinal sacred songs got in among the pop numbers. To the experienced viewer, there was no doubt what it all meant.

Xmas Touches

Christmas began to get into everything like grit into a carburettor. Adult Westerns tended to preoccupy themselves with the plight of a boy recently orphaned (usually by hanging, of course) and "Silent Night" sung in a spotlight by a star in front of a choir in shadow became a nightly threat.

Dick Clark, who is the disc jockey arbiter of Rock 'n' Roll, gave a Christmas party, and the sleek and youthful male stars who cultivate the current, slightly criminal look, turned up — which was just as well if they want to maintain their sales — to express their seasonal affection.

Even into a police thriller which is called "Naked City" the gentle season was inserted. Two policemen were staking out a liquor store, night and day. But the policemen gave a party to the local poor children in their station and a Jewish policeman volunteered to do the duty of an Irish one, and the Jewish policeman went back to the liquor store and was shot.

In the classic "Dragnet" crime detection series, the two sullen detectives spent all Christmas Day seeking for someone who killed a woman on Christmas Eve and in a church yard Helen Hayes appeared as a nun. The priests get jollier and even more reliable in a tight corner (the Catholics always dominate any quasi-spiritual story that is not set in the suburbs of Nob Hill.) One could imagine a newly-immigrated Bhuddist being profoundly surprised by this approach to a mystery.

It was also a time of unbridled sentimentality. The woman announcer who dealt with the annual production of Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors" appeared to be in tears after the three kings had gone away roaring sacred music in the night, and the little cured cripple had left his mother to present his crutch at Bethlehem.

Innocent Orgy

It has been a long-drawn-out orgy, innocent in intent if light in content. No one seems to take television seriously here except as an occasional political weapon or to attack it for its triviality and its sustained invitation to violence.

It is geared to the flat, tired basis of men's minds. Unbeatable in comedy, skilful in sadism, uninhibited in sentiment, ruthless in newsgathering and prudish in certain narrow and arbitrary fields, it less and less tries to fulfil a responsible role, falls far below the intentions and practice of American newspapers. The amazing thing is that any good remains at all.

Yet it does, and any such blanket condemnation of the past week is inadequate because it ignores the exceptions. There was music and singing that lay on the other side of "Silent Night." There were the splendours of the religious services, some where great wealth is allied to the Anglican tradition to produce a fantastic magnificence; some where the Catholics crowded their altars and cathedrals as if whole towns had turned out to worship God, and some where choirs that reach banked up to the roof, sing their heads off with delight. There was the quiet sanity of the commentators, and even from the mass of triviality and near-corruption in which these things were stuck like plums, there emerged a pleasure in the season that in retrospect seems very real.

Both in religion and politics Americans tend to avoid the explicit and the dogmatic. One of their chief strengths has lain in their unwillingness to over-define. Within the safe confines of their Constitution, they have been free to rattle around, to avoid the agonizing search for definition and the intolerant support of causes and systems that have divided Europe. They grow most sick when they become most definite. The vague good intentions of a Presidential inauguration address suit them best. Their native theology is similarly nebulous and comprehensive rather than exclusive and demanding.

Charity the Queen

The men of commerce who control television did convey something of this. What they did could be dismissed as shocking or amusing or a little unworthy. But it left a taste of pleasure, as if they had been celebrating not a great ecclesiastical feast, but a few days in which people recalled that it was fine to be alive, and that Charity is the Queen of Virtues. There was a change of pace and different things were emphasized. It was a specialized industry trying to match and satisfy the mood of a whole people.

AT THE CINEMA

The Modi Legend

Montparnasse 19 (Orion, Jerusalem — French, inadequate subtitles) is the alleged story of Modigliani's great love and miserable death, with Gerard Phillipe giving a sensitive portrayal of the great painter, and like Kirk Douglas in Hollywood's "Van Gogh", managing also to convey the physical likeness of the Quartier's beloved Modi. Unlike the Van Gogh, it makes no attempt to explain the painter's character; he is already a drunkard and a dope-addict when the film opens. More regrettable is that there is no attempt to explain his work.

What remains is a love story (with lovely Anouk Aimée), beautifully photographed in blacks and greys with sensitive background music by Paul Misraki. When Modi died of the drink and poverty all Montparnasse followed his cortege and his mistress threw herself off his roof. The film omits all this but closes with a heartrending scene showing a ghoulish dealer looting his room.

Abreast of Bardot

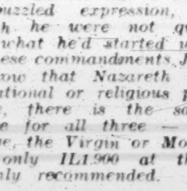
Les Bijoutiers du Clair de Lune (Ron, Jerusalem — French, Spanish, with partly English subtitles) features the turbulent landscapes of Spain and Brigitte Bardot in fine Eastmancolour. Advertised as the hottest exposure on film, it does show BB in various stages of undress, climaxed by a fully bare-bosomed love scene which leaves one wondering why the censor brassiered the African Ballet now on tour here. Nevertheless the Spanish landscape is an easy winner, with cave-dwellers, *corridas* and marvellous peasants thrown in for excellent measure. There is even a story: passion, murder, flight across the mountains, none of it very convincing, perhaps because one is always conscious that it's BB up there and not the character she is supposed to be playing. Beautiful Alida Valli steals every scene from her without getting undressed. Worth seeing, particularly if you get there before the censor takes a second look. Olé!

MEIR RONNEN

KEEPING POSTED

WE were making a little tour of inspection in the north, and as it was around Christmas we went to see what was new in Nazareth. The last time we were there it was ominously quiet — for it was about two hours after a May Day Communist demonstration that had ended in broken heads and arrests. This time it was also quiet, for it was a few hours after the Christmas celebrations had ended, but with a very much more cheerful atmosphere. The streets were empty, for people had gone home after the service. There were little groups of young men about, all in their best blue suits. One of our companions from abroad remarked that it was odd to see no girls — were they all home helping their mothers cook dinner? Of course this absence of girls in the evening is the characteristic of an old-fashioned Arab town and it is what makes a place like Athens, where you also see no women after 10 o'clock, seem like an Arab town to a visiting Israeli. When we at last spied one young couple arm in arm we felt we had scored, but in the end they turned out to be ex-Tel Avivians in the new government flats, so they hardly counted.

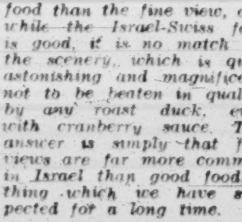
WE went into a souvenir shop and at first we thought it was all the same old stuff, greenish metal ashtrays saying "Nazareth," and all. But we discovered that they had something fresh after all, an artist who carves his own designs in olive wood, with a primitive, semi-comic line. He has several items available the most elaborate of which is an angular St. George on a horse, administering the coup de grace to a skinny dragon. You can get it with a spare crusader in a little sentry house or without. The crusader is only an extra 200 pruta. Then you can have the Annunciation with an angular angel rather reminiscent of St. George, and a thin Virgin. There is also an engaging she-camel (angular) with two young of different sizes nuzzling her. Our favourite is the Moses, with a little round hat rather like that worn by the Sephardi Chief Rabbi. This Moses holds up wooden tablets of the Law, and there



is a small Mount Sinai by his side. Moses has a deeply puzzled expression, as though he were not quite sure what he'd started with all these commandments. Just to show that Nazareth has no national or religious prejudice, there is the same charge for all three — St George, the Virgin or Moses, and only IL1.900 at that. Warmly recommended.

THERE was a hawker outside, who had similar items on a little wagon, but was selling mainly olive-pip necklaces to tourists and *keffiyes* for Israelis from other parts of the country. One of his customers complained that his wares were too expensive. He was a handsome young man with a bristling moustache. "Ah, what do you want," he protested. "Nowadays it costs IL8.500 to get me a wife. You wouldn't want me to remain a bachelor, would you?" About the same cost as a small flat in Tel Aviv, we figured. Costs just about even out.

AFTER that we went on to the Swiss restaurant on a little private hill-top near Nazareth, one of the most Swiss-looking places outside that country that we have ever seen, and reason enough for Israelis to stay home for a change one would have thought. We found the proprietors looking rather jaded after serving 211 Christmas dinners (with wholly legal roast pork in a non-prohibition district), and the last candles still guttering on a tall Christmas tree that had been freshly cut on a neighbouring hillside. Even without snow, the place manages to look remarkably like an outsize ski-hut, and you expect any moment to see people come stamping in with sunburnt faces and frozen hands and snow in their hair. We noticed one anomaly in the smart Visitors' Book that we were offered. There were far more comments about the good



food than the fine view, and while the Israel-Swiss food is good, it is no match for the scenery, which is quite astonishing and magnificent, not to be beaten in quality by any roast duck, even with cranberry sauce. The answer is simply that fine views are far more common in Israel than good food, a thing which we have suspected for a long time.

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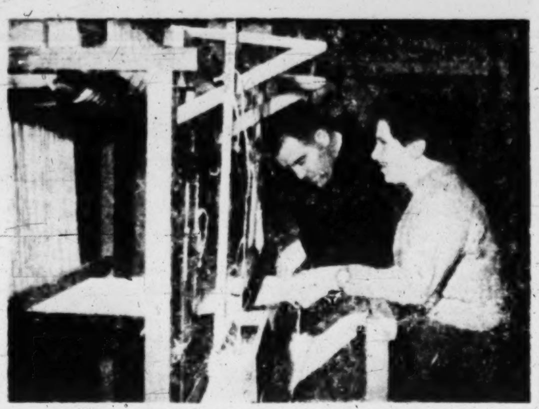


Instructor helps blind student to set loom at the Natanya Rehabilitation Centre.

New Hope for Blind

From a Special Correspondent

THE Weaving Workshop and Rehabilitation Centre for the Blind at Natanya, which is now to be jointly financed by the Ministry of Social Welfare and the Women's League for Israel, hopes soon to enable the 15 girls and women turning out richly woven rugs, shawls, tablecloths and napkins at the city's Beit Hahalutzot to take on jobs with standard commercial firms and to embark on a completely independent life.

Like the other inmates of the Jerusalem Institute for the Blind, in 1954 the girls lacked self-confidence to the point where they refused to be transferred from the closed institution where they were kept to the Natanya Centre, where they earn wages and help cover their expenses. Training in their new craft, however, made possible by special equipment obtained in part out of an IL50,000 U.S. Government grant to the League — restored their confidence to the point where a number of them is already living out and most of them will soon be able to support themselves fully — provided enough employers agree to take them on.

It is now the Ministry's policy to prepare Israel's 3,000 blind men and women of working age for productive occupations and to scatter them among the rest of the population instead of keeping them in institutions. Other special courses are at present being organized in typing, stenography and sewing. Finding employers who understand that blind workers are fully qualified and perform, if anything, better than others, has proved a real problem, however, although 13 of the 15 trainees who recently completed a course for telephone switchboard operators have been placed by now.

The Natanya workshop, construction of which was completed about a year ago, expects to stand financially on its own feet in the near future. A special expert is in charge of the weaving styles and patterns, which are fitted to the demands of the market. The League also maintains five homes for working girls and three students' hostels.

YESTERDAY'S PRESS

Nature of Nasser's Nationalism

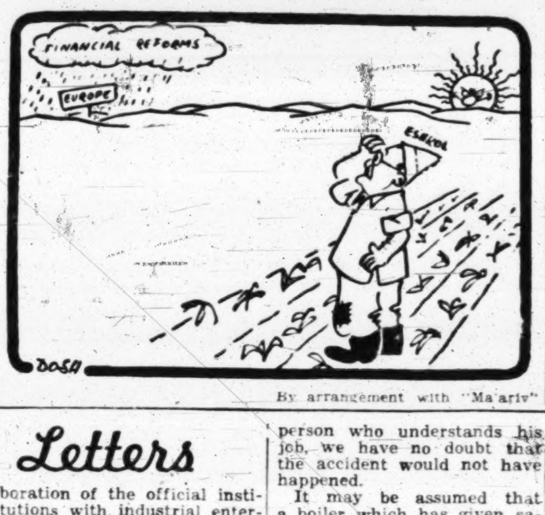
Al Hamishmar (Mapam) writes that although Nasser's attack on the Communists does not herald an imminent and final turning point in Nasser's relations with the U.S.S.R., it nevertheless indicates the nature of the man and of the regime he represents as dictator, a man who hates everything social and progressive, and who covers up his hatred by a cloak of "national" socialism of the brand which became familiar in the recent past.

The Soviet Union has unreservedly supported Nasser in recent years, continues the paper, finding Egypt right and Israel wrong on every occasion. It was clear that this wholehearted support of a potential traitor — who is in essence a reactionary although at one time he opposed a certain imperialism — could finally do the Russians no good.

Davar (Histadrut) and **Haboker** (General Zionist) discuss the deliberations of the Agricultural Council. **Ha'aretz** (non-party) writes on income tax amendments and **Lamerhav** (Ahdut Ha'avoda) discusses the status of agricultural labourers.

Hatzofe (National Religious Party) presents the Mizrahi's wage policy as opposed to Mapai and Histadrut, while **Herut** warns against what it calls "Mapai's efforts to dominate the judiciary."

MAYBE IT'LL COME TO US



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Readers' Letters

PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I read your Economic Editor's article "Research Vital for Pharmaceuticals" (your issue of December 19) with great pleasure and should like to draw your attention to some facts which I consider important.

You mentioned, *inter alia*, Xylocaine — its Israel name is Esracain — but you omitted to mention that it is synthetized here by the Hillel Remedy Factory Ltd., Haifa Bay. This synthesis is patented not only in this country, but in many European countries as well. The importance of this material is shown by the fact that there is hardly a surgeon, dentist or general practitioner in Israel who does not use this most modern anaesthetic, be it in private practice or in his work in hospitals and clinics.

It should be stressed here that Taro and Hillel, the only pharmaceutical factories in the northern part of the country, are encountering some special difficulties in their development, not only because their names are usually omitted in reviews such as yours, but also because they are so far from the centre of the country and its most important scientific institutions in Jerusalem and Rehovot which could assist in research.

It is true that not much research is done. Our industry is poor, the profits are small and the lack of industrial pharmacists trained for research is felt badly. The main obstacle, however, is the fact that there is not enough capital available for development, for there are possibilities of overcoming the problem of trained industrial pharmacists.

The Section of Pharmaceutical Industry of the *Fédération Internationale Pharmaceutique*, in the council of which, consisting of 12-14 members, I have the honour to represent Israel, has among its other aims also that of furthering the collaboration of the official institutions with industrial enterprises of their countries. I mention this Section, because in all member countries of its mother organization, close collaboration prevails between the scientists at the Universities and similar institutions, and the pharmaceutical industry, and it is to be hoped that pharmaceutical research will be assisted here too in the same way.

Yours, etc.
DR. F. F. AUSLANDER
Haifa, December 22.

BOILER TRAGEDY

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — With reference to Mr. Ashni's letter in your issue of November 30, I believe the following should be brought to the attention of the public:

The tragic incident in Safad, where the explosion of an electrically heated water boiler caused death and serious injury, is most regrettable, and very much more so if it turns out that the accident could have been avoided.

In our opinion, panic should not be created by spreading the assumption that every boiler is a potential source of such an accident, but it should be realized that every apparatus must be subjected to regular professional maintenance. Had this particular boiler and its installation been maintained under the supervision of a properly qualified person who understands his job, we have no doubt that the accident would not have happened.

It may be assumed that a boiler which has given satisfactory service for years will not go wrong in a manner that will cause an explosion, except where a change had been made either to the boiler or to its installation, which change is the cause of the accident.

It is therefore worth-while considering an arrangement whereby every such apparatus should be periodically inspected and tested, although it is realized that such a solution is by no means an easy one to impose.

The Standards Institution is always prepared to contribute its share to a practical scheme for the regular inspection, testing and maintenance of domestic appliances and their installations.

But in order that such a scheme succeed, the idea of using only such apparatus and installations as satisfy standard requirements and have passed the tests of a qualified and authorized institution, has to be widely accepted by the public.

Yours, etc.
RAFAEL LEVY,
Public Relations Officer
The Standards Institution of Israel
Tel Aviv, December 19.

HEBREW HOWLERS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — According to your issue of December 22, instructions have been issued by the Ministry of Education and Culture that the sequence of numbers in Hebrew texts should run from right to left. That is done, evidently, to make the numbers share in "Jewish Consciousness."

It would follow that instead of writing 25—52, one should write in a Hebrew text: 52—25!

This instruction is, to my mind, as nonsensical as the writing of 5-3 instead of 5+3 in order to avoid the Christian symbol of the cross. I suggest, in this case, that one should use the Star of David.

Yours, etc.
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Swiss Notebook

Tourists' Delight

By PAUL KOHN

BERNE. — DESPITE the nuclear Disarmament and "Surprise Attack" conferences in Geneva, there is no easier place to forget about atom bombs, power politics, income tax and other troubles than in Switzerland. Holidaying in the Swiss Alps or along its lakes you just become hypnotized by the beauty of the scenery, whether in spring, summer, autumn or winter.

Switzerland is the tourist country *par excellence*. Tourism here has been developed to such a fine art that it is hardly surprising it has become one of the pillars of the national economy. In face of razor-edge competition from Italy, Austria, Germany, France and Spain, Switzerland's tourist numbers and income have constantly risen. In 1937, income from tourism was 400m. francs, in 1947, 600m. francs and in 1957, 1,210m. francs (over $250m.) It is Switzerland's third highest earner after machinery and watches. The Swiss plough back about 40 per cent of it on improving facilities on cleanliness and rescue services. This year's figures will be up again, by about 13 per cent.

Though Switzerland is not among the cheapest holiday countries, travel agents have devised all sorts of combinations to reduce costs and today the Englishman, for instance, can take a holiday on the hire purchase system.

Social Tourism

"A winter holiday in Switzerland puts you on top of the world," says the catchy Swiss Tourist Office slogan. That attracts, but it is not the only pull. The red-nosed office clerk sets out on his travels only after a down-to-earth reckoning of how much a holiday costs and the question "What am I getting for it?"

"Social tourism" has become a trump card of the industry in Europe. As a result it is Swiss policy today to cater for tourists of every income bracket. World-fashionable resorts offer a wide range of prices, where from $4 or $5 a day you get full board and ski tuition. In a little village inn you can live still less expensively and still be sure that the hosts will take pride in making you feel at home and provide an excellent cuisine and cellar.

The new wonder drugs have hit hard at the country's sanatoria and health spas. But their owners have simply changed their coats and turned their establishments into hotels and holiday resorts. Big concerns have bought many of these establishments and send their employees there for holidays. Leysin, near Lake Geneva, once a world-famous tuberculosis care centre, is now in the "social tourism" field and has become a hit with students.

It is the resorts rather than the cities, that are the tourist magnets in Switzerland. We wound our way by electric railway past placid lakes set amid white-capped Alpine peaks up to St. Moritz. As high as you looked the mountains reached up, pretty villages and chalets nestled incredibly high on the slopes, and hundreds of waterfalls splashed into the rivers below. The train pulled through tunnels and out into salubrious mountain air at St. Moritz, a village of 2,800 persons visited last year by nearly 100,000 tourists — more than Israel during the Tenth Anniversary year.

Winter Sports

St. Moritz, 1,850 metres above sea level, has both a summer and a winter season. Its water sports in summer and Cresta Run slalom, skiing, tobogganing and skating in winter still have 75-year-olds climbing the mountains.

The postal coach drive down from St. Moritz to Lugano past the Maloja Pass and the Italian lakes, must be one of the most breathtaking rides anywhere. Lugano too offers all that a painter of picturesque scenery could imagine. Sunniest of all central European resorts, its vineyards, olive and palm trees mingle with chestnut, rhododendrons and oleanders. It presents a wealth of entertainment for its hundreds of thousands of tourist annually, and is only a boat ride away from Paradiso, Campione (the Italian Island in Switzerland, famous for its casino) and La Romantica. Funiculars elevate one to Mont Bre and San Salvatore.

The capital of Switzerland, Berne (pop. 150,000), is one of the best-preserved medieval cities in Europe. Its modern architecture is styled to fit perfectly with that of the medieval buildings, and the quaint Gerichtsheit Strasse the main street, has 14 kilometres of arcades. Berne claims that last year about half a million tourists saw its dancing bears and wandered through its parks, gardens and federal buildings.

The visitor to Berne also cannot miss the city's largest department store, Loeb's. It is explained that until 1881 Swiss Jews were not allowed out of their villages, Gundingen and Langnau. "Loeb's grandfather was a horsedealer," the guide points out.

In street, hotel, shop, post office, train or night club, the visitor is overwhelmed by the ingrained hospitality of the Swiss clerk, taxi driver or waiter and their readiness to help. "That's tradition," the tourist office host explained. "If a man is a hotel owner his sons will not want to be engineers or lawyers. In this hotel (the "Splendide" in Lugano) the owner has five sons. One looks after the flowers only, another is in charge of the kitchen and so forth."

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